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# THIRD ANNUAL MEETING,

HELD AT

## THE FIRST METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

## CLEVELAND, OHIO, OCTOBER 28-30, 1884.

THE THIRD ANNUAL SESSION of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society began Tuesday, October 28th, at 10 A. M., with the President, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, in the chair.

The opening services were conducted by Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, who read as the Scripture lesson the thirty-fifth chapter of Isaiah, and announced the 919th hymn:

"Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run."

The large audience, led by Mrs. T. J. Leak, united in singing this hymn, after which Mrs. Wm. Runyan led in prayer.

Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Recording Secretary of the ~~Executive Board~~ Society, called the delegations by Conferences; and these were introduced by the President, and had seats assigned them.

On motion, visitors from abroad were invited to take seats with the delegates of their respective Conferences.

Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, and Mrs. W. A. Ingham were elected Secretaries.

Mrs. Hayes then delivered the opening address in a distinct and impressive manner, her rich voice filling the large audience-room. She spoke as follows:

The women of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Cincinnati, in 1880, formed a National Missionary Society, whose work is to be done among the needy populations of our own country.

The last General Conference of our Church, after ample consideration, gave it official recognition and adopted it as one of the trusted instrumentalities of the Church, under the name of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

At this, the first meeting of the Society since this very important and conclusive action, we may well pause to express our gratitude to God that the good and wise men who legislate for the Methodist Episcopal Church

have, with entire unanimity and with the greatest zeal, thus recognized and adopted our Society.

We may now, having the solemn and responsible sanction of our Church, devote ourselves with the utmost confidence to the interesting special work devolved upon us.

Our field of usefulness is of great extent. Our home population embraces elements, more or less extensive, of every important race, nationality, and language. They are of all conditions, material, intellectual, and moral.

Coming originally from every part of the world, they are here seated in the midst of this central continent, which looks out from widely extended coasts and almost countless harbors upon the two oceans on which is carried the larger part of the commerce of the globe. By the agencies of our advancing civilization, in the near future this people will surely wield a commanding influence in the affairs, in the education, and in the religion of all mankind.

The inspiring and attractive field which invites our efforts is the home. First in importance and first in number are the homes of the uninformed, destitute, and unfortunate of our own race—those of our own kith and kin. To these we must add the just claims of the lately emancipated people and their posterity, of the Indians, of the Mormons, of the Spanish Americans, and of the Chinese now within our borders—all of whom, it has been well said, have claims upon us for Christian civilization not to be surpassed by those of the heathen of foreign lands.

We believe that the character of a people depends mainly on its homes. Our special aim, therefore, is to improve home environments, home education, home industries, and home influences.

We would cherish no unfriendly feeling of rivalry towards any other organization of our Church or of any other Christian Church. We wish to strive for the attainment of these worthy ends by means upon which we can with an assured hope conscientiously invoke the Divine blessing.

Mrs. J. B. Cory, in behalf of the ladies of Cleveland, extended a cordial welcome to the Society, saying:

My Dear Sisters—During all these beautiful October days the Methodist women of Cleveland have been meeting in counsel, week after week, planning and arranging for your entertainment. We said, "There are to be among our guests those whom the Nation delights to honor." Aye, we said more: "Every woman who comes to us an accepted worker in this cause is the daughter of a King, so it must be a royal welcome;" and whether it comes from the quiet home of the clergy, from the beautiful mansion of the wealthy, or from the unpretending home of the artisan, it comes from free, loving hearts, and is the same royal welcome. We know that the King's daughter is all glorious within, and we would each say to each of you:

"If other guests should come, I'd deck my hair
And choose my newest garment from the shelf;

When *thou* art bidden I would clothe my heart
With holiest purpose as for God himself.

For them I'd while the hours with tale or song,
Or web of fancy fringed with careless rhyme;
How can I find a fitting lay for thee,
Who hast the harmonies of every time!

Thou art to me most like a royal guest,
Whose travels bring him to a lowly roof
Where simple rusties spread the festal fare,
And blushing own it is not good enough.

Bethink thee, then, whene'er thou com'st to me
From high emprise and noble toil to rest,
My thoughts are weak and trivial matched with thine—
But the poor mansion offers thee its best."

We gladly come together for a little while, turning aside from the fierce political excitement that is just now stirring our country, aye, and is pervading every home from the Atlantic to the Pacific, the accounts of which so fill our dailies that we can hardly get in an item about Home Mission work.

We gladly turn away from listening to the discussion of the questions of *Protection* and *Free Trade*, to listen to the discussion of questions quite as important, and which we believe have to do with the perpetuity of our Republic. Among these great questions are: What shall be done with the illiteracy of the South? What about the ballot in the hands of ignorant men, the homes and the children in the care of depraved and ignorant women? What shall be done with the cancerous tumor on our Western member? What about our treaty promises to our dusky wards in the Territories?

With intemperance at home, with ignorance and degradation in our South, with heathenism among our Indians, with polygamy and disloyalty among the Mormons, shall we not humble ourselves before God and cry mightily unto him for a baptism of power that every woman going home from this Convention may carry back with her a great awakening light, which may soon envelop the whole State in which she lives.

May God grant you wisdom, my dear sisters, to so open up these important subjects that the masses of our people will see them as they have never done before. I thank God, to-day, for thinking women. I thank him for what Methodism has done toward opening the lips of women.

We esteem it an honor to welcome to our city, to our hearts, and our homes, this company of representative Christian women, who come to us from the hills of New Hampshire, from "Little Jersey," from the classic Hub, where, it is said, if one is born he never need be born again; from the beautiful Quaker City, where, report says, good housewives are accustomed to get up in the night to sweep their back yards; from our Gotham, where it is supposed Home Missionaries are needed; from our Pacific slope, from our great, free, far West, and from all intermediate points. We are heartily glad, to-day, to greet you all. We will sit at your feet, we will

gather inspiration from your wise counsels, and we will ever treasure in our hearts and in our homes sweet memories of your gracious presence; and may the Master of Assemblies guide all your deliberations.

Mrs. John Davis, First Vice-President of the Society, and Chairman of the Executive Board, said in response: We thank you, dear ladies of Cleveland, for this "royal" welcome to your homes in this beautiful city. We are sure that these earnest words, and these provisions for our entertainment while among you, have not been prompted by feelings of hospitality alone. We trust you are interested in the cause that we represent, and that a desire on your part to do something to aid in this work of sending the Gospel, with its uplifting influences, to the benighted and degraded of our own land has been one of the prime motives for this outlay of time and effort. We heartily appreciate your kindness manifested in these admirable arrangements for our comfort, and we most earnestly desire that He who rewards the "cup of cold water," given in his name, will grant a special outpouring of his Holy Spirit upon your hearts and upon the hearts of all who are assembled here. We have come together to consider and devise the best methods for prosecuting the work that is so constantly enlarging before us. May our hearts go out in earnest prayer for divine help and wisdom. And may the blessed Master of assemblies himself be with us here in our daily deliberations.

Mrs. Colonel Springer, of Iowa, said:

A smile of hope from those we love
May be a message from above;
A whispered welcome in our ears,
Be as the music of the spheres;
The honest pressure of the hand,
Worth all that glitters in the land.
O! trifles are not what they seem,
But providences, oft, I deem
Sent in disguise to cheer and bless.

Our eloquent Corresponding Secretary and treasured friend, Mrs. Rust, on leaving our home said to Dr. Vincent: "Mrs. Springer's home is a poem; herself a better poem; her father the best poem of all." Such kindly words of cheer oft keep the heart from breaking.

And now, looking in your earnest faces, I read again our object and united aims to build up within our inner lives, and the lives of all about us, characters so pure and good that we may all be prepared for that land where no pain and sorrow come, where tears are unknown, and where in celestial mansions, with our own precious loved ones, we shall be for evermore *at home.*

Perhaps I can not more clearly indicate my willingness (beyond my physical and mental ability) to serve the blessed cause you represent than by giving a sample of one day's work. Last Friday I had the clergymen of our city to a dinner prepared by my own hands, to welcome our new pastor. At 4 o'clock the eleven guests had departed; at 8 o'clock I had swept and dusted two parlors, the family-room, and dining-room, washed all the dishes, and arranged all things in order. At 11 P. M. had written

out two Conference reports, given five minutes to packing my valise, and was ready for rest and sleep. At 4½ A. M. on duty again in order to reach the 5½ train, for to be here this morning I must leave Iowa last Saturday.

On reading an extended encomium on the life and character of one who had deceased, my father remarked, "If half those helpful words had been spoken when needed, doubtless that brother would have lived twenty years longer." Let those who can withhold the honest word of truthful love I dare not fail to say, I thank the blessed Lord for the continued life and presence of that most gracious of women, our beloved President, who, when occupying a place of high position and influence, kept her steadfast gaze toward the compassionate Lord, and lent her hand to help drive all evil from the land. Who, from Lady Huntingdon to *Lady Hayes* has seen her peer? My laurels are alone for the brows of the living, not to be engraven on the cold and pulseless marble, or laid on icy brows of friends dying unconscious of their worth. And is it just to ignore the self-renunciation of others here to-day, who have sacrificed their social life to lend the hand of helpfulness to wretched womankind, have given weeks of labor on our publications in order to furnish intelligence so absolutely necessary for the growth of the Society, and have taxed heart and brain in the prosecution of this work?

I may not ask you all to pray that I may do "more and better," since some have assured me that they have joined that other band, praying that I may do "less and less, and live longer to bless those who love me most and best."

Knowing that who fears God fears to sit at ease, and that our best efforts may often seem to be ill-adapted to the accomplishment of God's purposes, I firmly believe that no honest endeavors made in behalf of the right and the good will be lost, but, like the grain sown by the husbandmen in fruitful soil, will by and by be garnered as golden wheat in heaven's own land.

Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, of Philadelphia, said: Mrs. Cory's reference to our being the children of a King draws me to my feet, for fully do I realize that I am the child of a King, and as such I come from the work in Philadelphia for a new baptism of power, that I may better glorify him. I feel as I look upon the many earnest faces before me, although most of them are unfamiliar, the wonderful power there is to unite hearts in the great work that has brought us together.

Coming, as we do, from "the home" to deliberate upon the best means to secure it for those who do not even know the meaning of the word, let us not fail to look "to the hills from whence cometh our help," for we know the promise, that God will be our wisdom, righteousness, sanctification, and redemption. O, that we may each receive such a baptism of the Holy Ghost that we may be fully consecrated to the great work of saving others. There is inspiration in the thought that all over this land there are Christian women so strongly united in the bonds of Christ that they will leave their homes and come to this general meeting in order to

study the needs of the work, and to make such plans that the best ends may be secured and God be most glorified.

Mrs. W. A. Ingham, of Cleveland, said: This gathering of earnest women here to-day reminds me of pioneer times in the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. How well I remember in 1870, after organizing the Cleveland auxiliaries Sabbath evening, Sept. 19th, at the session of the Annual Conference, Mrs. Bishop Clark, Mrs. Moses Hill, and myself pushed out into Northern Ohio, traveling during the daytime and speaking in the evenings, until twenty-four organized societies were on our list. The movement had sprung up in my husband's absence from home, and on his return he started out in search of the fugitive wife, and, after diverse disappointments, found her, together with one of her traveling companions, washing and wiping dishes for Mrs. Rev. T. F. Hildreth, of Norwalk, who was entertaining the itinerants over Sabbath. On the morning of that day Rev. Bro. Hildreth had preached eloquently on the coming of Christ's kingdom, and in the evening the visiting ladies organized an auxiliary in the church at that place.

I did not know Mrs. Willing was to be at this meeting, but only two or three days since I prayed that the Lord would lay his hand on her for the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. America is the world's great mission field. Methodist women ought to enter a million strong and help possess it for Christ.

Mrs. J. F. Willing, of Chicago, said: Though I am new in this work I have prayed for these workers from the first, and am rejoiced to see so large and enthusiastic a company together. I believe that there is nothing on the planet more lovely than the face of a woman from which beams the light of Christ's love.

I also am grateful for the beautiful welcome to these affluent homes, than which there are none on the continent more delightful.

The Lord has said, "Blessed is the man that considereth the poor." We may surely expect this meeting to be crowned by the presence of the Lord of the poor. We are met in his name, and he said, "There am I in the midst." Let us keep our eye fixed upon him that this may be our Pentecost.

Miss Susie P. Thompson, of Canandaigua, said: As this occasion seems to be of a national character, it would hardly seem complete without a voice from New York. So, in behalf of the Empire State, I give from the Word what the Lord gave me as an expression of my desire concerning this meeting: "Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us; and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it."

Mrs. Charles Goodall, of California, said: At a reception given to the lamented Bishop E. O. Haven in San Francisco, when he went to reside on the Pacific Coast, an aged minister of another denomination in his words of welcome referred to his granddaughter, who had recently gone as

a missionary to Japan, and said, as he warmly grasped the Bishop's hand, "It was your daughter who opened her heart and hand to receive her in a strange land." These little acts are the electric wires through which flows Christian love that unites Christian hearts so closely together. This unison of hearts is very beautiful. It is so tender and yet so strong, often equaling that of kindred, and bringing us close together, and very near to Christ, who said, "Whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother." Christians meet in distant countries, or, it may be, sailing on mid-ocean, the electric spark immediately kindles, and strangers in a few hours become warm friends.

This missionary work in which we are engaged among the poor and destitute so unites Christian hearts and develops Christian love, that I am convinced it is a blessing to us as Churches and as individuals that we have the poor always with us.

Mrs. J. H. Bayliss, of Cincinnati, also spoke in response, but, as she did not furnish a copy to the Secretaries, they have been unable to reproduce her words.

Mrs. Hayes announced that Mrs. John Davis, First Vice-President of the Society, would take charge of the business sessions of the meeting, and thereupon Mrs. Davis took the chair.

After a spirited discussion, the time for meeting and adjournment was fixed as follows: The devotional meetings to begin at 9.30 A. M. The business sessions to commence at 10, and adjourn at 12.30 for lunch. The afternoon sessions to begin at 2, and close at 3.30.

The reception of fraternal delegates from the Churches of other denominations in Cleveland followed. The President introduced Mrs. A. P. Massey, of Woodland Avenue Presbyterian Church, Mrs. Greely, of Case Avenue Presbyterian Church, Miss L. T. Guilford, of the First Presbyterian Church, Mrs. S. W. Adams and Mrs. L. Prentice, of the First Baptist Church, Mrs. Ruggles and Mrs. Russell, of the First Congregational Church, and Mrs. Hammond, of the Evangelical Church. These ladies spoke of their cordial interest in the work that this Society is carrying forward, and gave expression to warm sentiments of unity and Christian fellowship. In addition, they gave a brief account of the work that the Home Missionary Societies of their respective Churches were doing.

Mrs C. E. Wheeler and Miss Anna Edwards, delegates from the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Cleveland, were also introduced. Miss Edwards spoke of the joy she felt in looking in the faces of the earnest workers before her; expressed herself in sympathy with the Society; said that temperance was a part of religion, and helped to advance the interests of the Redeemer's kingdom; and closed with a tribute of love, gratitude, and honor to our beloved President, Mrs. Hayes.

In response to these fraternal greetings, Mrs. Davis said: Dear Sisters, It was by no mere hasty action that the Committee of Arrangements invited you to be present at our first session. We wanted the encouragement of your presence to help us start off with enthusiasm. We wanted

your prayers, and your good wishes, and your good words. We wanted to enlist your hearts with us so fully that you will meet with us from day to day, as far as it may be practicable.

Some of you have been longer engaged in Home Mission work than we have. We need the benefit of your experience. If, during the progress of these meetings, you see us approach a sharp corner, such as projected itself into your methods, and hurt or hindered your usefulness, we want you to feel free to sound a note of warning. If we are in danger of being precipitated into a pitfall that you have escaped, deal with us as with friends—in short, be fraternal enough to be fellow-helpers.

We do not propose to occupy territory that other Evangelical Societies already cover. There are too many desolate and waste places crying out to us to "come," for us to overlap work already established. We hope that both you and we shall build the wall of Jerusalem over against *our own* door with so true a line and plummet that, as Christian Sisters of whatever name, we shall only unite and strengthen the whole.

There is a powerful foe to be overcome. We, members of this "Grand Christian Army of the Republic," must lock arms with each other for his overthrow.

It seems to me that purely sectarian rivalry is an anachronism in this day. It does not belong to the majestic trend of this enlightened, liberal, progressive Christian civilization. More and more we are exemplifying, in our daily practice, the principle taught us by our blessed Lord: "All ye are brethren." The consciousness of this kinship is latent in every renewed heart, and needs only the favoring incident to make it thrill us with grateful joy.

It was my privilege in the early summer to cross the Atlantic in one of the largest of the ocean steamers crowded with tourists. As our native shores receded from our wistful eyes, and we turned our thoughts to the multitude of our fellow-voyagers, and saw only a company of strangers, whose faces totally new gave not a suggestion to console us for the severance from the beloved ones of our households, we felt a sense of isolation and loneliness only understood by those who have had the same experience.

The next morning, the Sabbath, we gathered in the spacious saloon for public worship. The officers and some of the crew, the cabin-boys and stewardesses, and the great multitude of passengers, many hundreds in all, sat in reverent silence, with no sound but the throb of the machinery and the occasional "swash" and dash of the wave to break the stillness.

Presently the voice of the minister broke on the ear, announcing the hymn:

"Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to thy bosom fly."

Every voice joined in the melody, and every heart seemed to be sending out its own petition as it was phrased in that familiar, tender, ever-blessed song by Charles Wesley. It was so blended with almost every sacred memory of our lives, so laden with associations of home and kin-

dred, of social worship and private prayer, of comfort and bereavement, of all that had been woven into our daily needs and daily supplies, that it seemed we who sang *must* be members of a common household. By some thrill of instantaneous influence we seemed to be transformed from a company of strangers into a body of friends. The familiar melody and words were the open channel through which our hearts spoke to each other. The hand of my neighbor, whose name even was unknown to me, was outstretched for mine, and our eyes filled with sudden tears as each silently owned the other a sister.

The differences among Christians of the various denominations are only technical, not fundamental. True Christian hearts can not be insulated from each other.

We welcome you with all our hearts, dear sisters, to this our annual feast of duty and of privilege.

A Committee on Enrollment was appointed, consisting of Mrs. S. M. Hickman and Mrs. S. A. Cheney.

Also the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields was appointed, consisting of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries, the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer of the Executive Board, to which were added Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Mrs. J. Davis, Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, Mrs. J. W. Livezey, Mrs. E. J. L. Baker, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, Mrs. S. W. Thomson, Mrs. W. G. Willing, Mrs. H. C. McCabe, Mrs. J. Kent Mrs. J. H. Bayliss, Mrs. C. Goodall, and Mrs. Wm. Runyan.

Mrs. Williams announced that a delegate from Detroit Conference, Rev. Dr. Pope, was present, and desired to make a statement before the Society with reference to Michigan. On motion, Dr. Pope was invited to address the meeting. He gracefully acknowledged the courtesy shown him, spoke of the pleasure he felt in being present among the friends of his early years, and then graphically outlined the extent of Michigan, the needs of the destitute sections within her bounds, and the heroic spirit of her self-denying ministers. He presented the joint request of the Detroit and Michigan Conferences that all moneys contributed by these Conferences to the Home Missionary Society should be appropriated to missionary work in the destitute sections within their own bounds.

Mrs. M. D. Moors, of Michigan Conference, emphasized and indorsed the words and requests of Dr. Pope.

Mrs. Hoyt requested that all resolutions be reduced to writing, and a duplicate copy be sent to the Secretaries' table.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. Pope.

Under the supervision of Mrs. C. E. Pennewell and other ladies of the East Side churches, a bountiful lunch was prepared and served in the church, to which all were heartily welcomed.

# Tuesday Afternoon.

PROMPTLY at 2 o'clock Mrs. Hayes called the meeting to order. Devotional services were conducted by Rev. C. E. Manchester.

Mrs. J. P. Hanna and Mrs. L. A. Belt were appointed a Committee on Arrangement of daily Business.

Mrs. Hickman presented the following report of the Committee on Enrollment, which was adopted.

The delegations present at this meeting represent fourteen States and twenty-four Conferences, from Maine to California, as follows:

CONFERENCES.

CALIFORNIA.—*Delegate:* Mrs. Charles Goodall.

CENTRAL NEW YORK.—*Delegates:* Mrs. H. F. Spencer, Mrs. Dudley Morse.
*Visitor:* Miss Susie P. Thompson.

CENTRAL OHIO.—*General Officers:* Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Mrs. L. D. McCabe, Mrs. S. W. Thomson.
*Delegates:* Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. D. G. Strong.
*Visitors:* Mrs. L. A. Belt. Mrs. T. F. Joy, Mrs. Esther Tuttle, Mrs. L. C. Prentiss.

CINCINNATI.—*General Officers:* Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. R. S. Rust, Mrs. A. R. Clark, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, Mrs. J. H. Bayliss, Mrs. W. M. Ampt, Mrs. W. F. Thorne, Mrs. M. McC. Brown.
*Delegate:* Mrs. Wm. Runyan.
*Visitors:* Miss M. Lownes, Miss C. Allen.

DETROIT.—*Delegates:* Mrs. Henry Wade Rogers, Mrs. Russell B. Pope.
*Visitor:* Mrs. D. B. Tracy.

EAST OHIO.—*Delegates:* Mrs. J. B. Cory, Mrs. W. H. Wilson.
*Visitors:* Mrs. E. T. Dana, Miss Libbie Rook, Mrs. David Perry, Mrs. S. D. Hauxhursten, Mrs. C. S. Farrer, Mrs. Joseph Thomas, Mrs. W. L. Slutz, Mrs. B. C. Herrick, Mrs. R. L. Moffett, Miss K. E. Mansfield, Mrs. F. W. Barnes, Mrs. N. A. Angell, Mrs. H. Webb, Mrs. A. J. Hathaway, Mrs. M. B. Taylor, Mrs. N. B. Stone, Mrs. John Rich, Mrs. F. A. Archibald.

ERIE.—*Delegates:* Mrs. C. V. Culver, Mrs. E. J. L. Baker.
*Visitors:* Mrs. J. K. Dale, Mrs. A. L. Confer, Mrs. E. G. Burgess, Mrs. A. B. Lane.

GENESEE.—*Visitor:* Mrs. C. G. Davis.

KENTUCKY.—*Delegate:* Mrs. J. W. Livezey.

LOUISIANA.—*Delegate:* Mrs. Marcus Dale.

MAINE.—*Visitor:* Miss Jane M Frye.

MICHIGAN.—*Delegates:* Mrs. W. J. Aldrich, Mrs. M. D. Moors.

NEWARK.—*Delegate:* Mrs. J. I. Boswell.

NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN.—*Delegate:* Mrs. Sarah A. Mather.

NEW YORK EAST.—*Visitor:* Mrs. Joseph Knapp.

NORTH OHIO.—*General Officer:* Mrs. F. S. Hoyt.
*Delegates:* Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Miss Jane Henderson.
*Visitors:* Mrs. L. L. Doud, Mrs. W. F. Keller, Mrs. W. B. Follansbee, Mrs. J. W. Houghton, Mrs. A. R. Timmins, Mrs. C. J. Werwage, Mrs. E. J. Willis, Mrs. T. F. Hildreth, Mrs. T. R. Bowen, Mrs. J. T. Mills, Mrs. M. A. Cahoon, Mrs. M. J. Douglas, Mrs. J. Ames, Mrs. W. A. Ingham, Mrs. A. R. Santley, Miss J. Still.

NORTH-WEST INDIANA—*Delegate:* Mrs. S. A. Matthews.

OHIO.—*Delegates:* Mrs. A. M. Brush, Mrs. James Taylor.
*Visitors:* Mrs. C. D. Firestone, Mrs. O. G. Peters.

PHILADELPHIA.—*Delegates:* Mrs. C. G. Boughton, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff.

PITTSBURG.—*Delegates:* Mrs. H. C. Dickinson, Mrs. M. J. Shoyer.
*Visitors:*. Mrs. C. A. Grant, Mrs. J. P. Hanna, Mrs. C. W. Smith, Mrs. C. B. Bowman.
ROCK RIVER.—*Delegates:* Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Mrs. E. H. Gammon.
*Visitor:* Mrs. J. F. Willing.
TROY.—*Delegates:* Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Mrs. R. T. Wade.
*Visitor:* Mrs. James Kent.
UPPER IOWA.—*Delegate:* Mrs. Col. Springer.
VERMONT.—*Delegate:* Mrs. G. F. Arms.

In addition to these delegations from abroad, a large number of ladies are also in attendance from the various Methodist Churches in Cleveland, and other denominations are well represented here.

Mrs. Rust moved that a Committee on Nominations be appointed, composed of one lady from each Conference. Carried.

Mrs. Springer suggested that each delegation appoint its representative on this Committee, and write her name on a slip of paper, and that these slips be collected by persons appointed for that purpose. This suggestion was approved, and the Committee on Enrollment were instructed to collect such slips, arrange the names in order, and pass the list to the Secretaries.

Mrs. Davis, Chairman of the Executive Board, made a brief report, in which she referred to the spirit of harmony which had characterized the meetings throughout the year; gave a hasty glance at the success that had attended the work, and directed the Society to the Report of the Corresponding Secretary for a detailed statement of the business which had occupied the Board from month to month as found in the summing up of that Report.

Mrs. Aiken read a resolution adopted by the Executive Board concerning the official organ of the society, the *Woman's Home Missions*, as follows:

*Resolved*, That we, the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, have read with interest each number of the *Woman's Home Missions*, replete with information and inspiration, invaluable to the success of the cause it advocates. While expressing satisfaction with its management, and gratification at so large a subscription list, we realize that the number of subscribers is not commensurate with the need for increased information; and while recommending its continued publication as the organ of the Society, we warmly commend it to the favor of our Church, and urge our ladies to aid in sustaining it by making earnest efforts to increase its circulation.

Pending the adoption of this resolution, a very enjoyable season was spent in appreciative remarks concerning the paper, and in the discussion of its merits, in which .Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Morse,Mrs. Marcy, Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Boughton, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Moors, Mrs. Burgess, Mrs. Arms, Mrs. Springer, Mrs. Aldrich, Mrs. Goodall, Mrs. Rogers, Mrs. Hedges, Mrs. Boswell, Mrs. Simpson, and Mrs. Shoyer participated. Many of these ladies pledged additional subscribers and renewed efforts in behalf of the paper. The resolution was unanimously adopted.

Mrs. Rust offered the following resolution, which had been previously indorsed by the Executive Board:

*Resolved.* In view of the importance of securing general organization of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and in view of the fact that such organization can not be secured unless special efforts are made to represent the work and methods of the Society, the Executive Board recommends the appointment of a person or persons to represent the work in the Conferences not yet organized, and to co-operate with the officers of existing societies when so desired, in order to secure more thorough organization throughout the Conferences.

On motion of Mrs. Clark, this was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

On motion, the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer were deferred till Wednesday morning, and Mrs. Whetstone, Superintendent of the work in Savannah presented her report, which was adopted. (See page 59.)

In this report she set forth the work that had been accomplished in that mission-field, and the urgent needs for enlarging our operation there. She emphasized particularly the necessity for buildings adapted to the work. She stated that a very desirable property, consisting of a capacious, unfinished brick building, situated on a large, centrally located lot, was just now offered to the Society at $8,000—a price much below its real value and that it could be secured by an immediate first payment of $3,000, with the privilege of three years' time for the payment of the balance.

Mrs. Marcy desired a more detailed description of the property, whereupon Mrs. Whetstone made a fuller statement concerning the location, the size, and condition of the building, the sum necessary for repairs, and the plan for meeting the deferred payments, to which the audience listened with intense interest.

Mrs. Bayliss spoke at some length concerning her recent visit to this mission in company with Mrs. Whetstone, and urged the claims of these little ragged colored children upon the Society. She alluded to the gross immorality that pervaded the mass of the ignorant people, and in which the children were being reared, and said that in order to counteract this influence it is necessary to take the children when they are young and educate them in Christian schools. They are anxious to learn, and grateful for the instruction they receive. Never was there a better opportunity to advance the work of education among this illiterate and down-trodden people than the one now presented.

At the request of Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Willing took the floor and proposed that a sufficient sum be pledged at once to secure this property. Life memberships at $20 each were rapidly taken, and other sums were also subscribed. The contributions were as follows:

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| Mrs. J. F. Willing, | $20 00 | Mrs. Dudley Morse, | $30 00 |
| Mrs. John Davis, | 50 00 | Mrs. Dudley Morse, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Rebecca Elmendorf, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. R. B. Hayes, | 50 00 | Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, | 110 00 |
| Mrs. J. I. Boswell, | 20 00 | Mrs. H. C. McCabe, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. Dudley Morse, to constitute her husband life-member, | 20 00 | Mrs. C. D. Firestone, | 50 00 |

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| Mrs. J. H. Bayliss, | $200 00 |
| Mrs. Charles Goodall, to constitute Mrs. Jane Walker, Mrs. Elisa Gibson, and Mrs. Lee Tong Hue life members, | 60 00 |
| Mrs. C. V. Culver (for Erie Conference), | 200 00 |
| Mrs. E. E. Marcy, | 40 00 |
| Mrs. Joseph K. Dale, | 20 00 |
| Pittsburg Conference, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. Wm. Runyan (for Cincinnati Conference), | 200 00 |
| Mrs. A. R. Clark, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. W. F. Thorne, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. W. R. Santley, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. L. L. Doud, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. T. F. Hildreth, | 20 00 |
| Miss Annabell Kent, | 20 00 |
| Miss Susie P. Thompson, | 10 00 |
| Miss Thompson and Mrs. H. F. Spencer, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. H. F. Spencer, | 10 00 |
| Franklin Ave. Church Aux., per Miss J. Henderson, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. H. C. Hedges, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. M. E. Douglas, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. R. B. Pope, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. W. B. Taylor, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. W. G. Rose, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. W. B. Follansbee, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. J. W. Houghton, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. E. E. Brown, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Judson Annis, | 2 00 |
| Mrs. W. F. Keller, | 3 00 |
| Mrs. J. I. Boswell, | 40 00 |
| Mrs. T. F. Joy, | $20 00 |
| Mrs. D. G. Strong, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. L. E. Prentiss, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. F. A. Archibald. | 20 00 |
| Mrs. J. W. Livezey, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. E. B. Lane, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. E. J. L. Baker, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. E. H. Gammon, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. Judge McKinney, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. W. M. Ampt, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. T. M. Irvin, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. Stewart, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. Theo. Arter, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. S. D. Hauxhursten, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. N. B. Stone, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. J. B. Cory, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. M. A. Cahoon, | 20 00 |
| Miss M. A. Hubbard, | 20 00 |
| Rev. P. A. H. Franklin, | 20 00 |
| Rev. J. B. Cory, | 20 00 |
| Columbus Aux., | 100 00 |
| Geneva Aux., by Mrs. H. Webb, | 20 00 |
| Akron Aux., | 20 00 |
| Euclid Ave. Aux., | 20 00 |
| Central Church, Young People's Society, | 10 00 |
| Cash, | 5 00 |
| Central Ohio Conference, | 100 00 |
| Mrs. M. B. Taylor, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. S. W. Thomson, to make her sister, Mrs. Dr. James, of Greeley, Col., life member, | 20 00 |
| North Ohio Conference, | 200 00 |
| Basket collection, | 21 16 |

With heartfelt gratitude the doxology was sung, and the benediction pronounced by Dr. F. S. Hoyt.

Tea was served to many delegates and visitors, who remained for the evening meeting.

## Tuesday Evening.

The evening session convened at 7.30 o'clock, with Mrs. Hayes in the chair. Devotional exercises were conducted by Dr. Norcross, and a beautiful solo was rendered by Mrs. Knapp, after which Mrs. J. F. Willing, of Chicago, was introduced and delivered one of the addresses of the evening on mission work in America. She said the Woman's Home Society is a society for women to help women. There is, first, the American woman who can help others and the American woman who needs help, and the duty which demands that this help be given. It was considered dangerous in former times for a woman to learn to think, and the men of India to-day say they can scarcely live with their ignorant women; and were they given knowledge, the men would be turned out of doors. The American

woman can attend to her household duties better if trained to thoroughness by Euclid and Virgil. It is she who can help her neighbor and work after God's manner. The amount of work that woman does in this country is not known. While my husband was engaged in his work it devolved upon me to buy a home. I found it was owned by a woman, that a woman held a mortgage upon it. When we disposed of it I sold it to a woman, and when I had an investment to make it was a woman who gave me the mortgage.

The typical American woman knows how to pray. Ten years ago, on bended knees, she prayed for her country's good, and the greatest moneyed monopoly, the liquor traffic, received its death stab, and I believe we will yet attend its funeral. Think of the women who need her help. They are the women of far-away Alaska, the 130,000 Indian women bending under burdens; the Chinese women of our Western coast, who are slaves sold to the most horrid life that can be lived outside of perdition; the women of Spanish America, with Castilian and Indian blood in their veins; the three or four millions of African women who have the strongest blood in America, so strong that one sixty-fourth of it will vitiate and make all the rest black. Packed away in the cities and isolated in the far West are others who need help. I am glad that some one else is to speak to you of the Mormon women, for my heart grows sad when I think of them.

We must give all these people our help, because it is the most economical investment we can make to suppress crime; because it is necessary in self-defense to keep our homes intact; because we have the opportunity and knowledge, with no new language to learn or climate to counteract, and lastly and highest of all, because it is God's command.

Rev. Mr. Franklin, of Utah, delivered the closing address. He alluded to his life there in the midst of woman's abject degradation, and gave voice to the fear that America, the greatest nation on the globe, was too long permitting this overpowering evil to grow in strength within its territory. He depicted the outraged womanly feelings with which the wives of that land were obliged to receive the new wives their husbands brought and introduced to their homes, until, in many instances, their reasons were overthrown and they became pitiable, driveling objects. The apathy of the government and its powerlessness hitherto to cope effectually with polygamy, called loudly for the Christian people of this country to send the gospel to these degraded people. It alone could bring them out of the most terrible suffering that women could endure. He said that many of these women possessed great natural talents, and only submitted to polygamy because of the great pressure which was brought to bear upon them. The teachers of this infamous doctrine could quote and distort passages from their scriptures which commanded woman's obedience to its disgusting practices. The oft-repeated remark that Utah was a barren field for missionary work he pronounced a mistake. It cost no more to convert a soul in Salt Lake City than it did anywhere else. He alluded to Mormonism as an American system, born and reared on free American soil, and

sending its emissaries abroad to foreign nations to gather in its converts. Their preachers obtained their foreign converts by deceiving the lowly people as to the character of their religion. One or two missionaries went from Utah back to Denmark, and by exposing the evils of Mormonism were creating a great stir among the Mormon infected districts and accomplishing great good. The speaker made a strong appeal for the help of the Society in behalf of this long suffering people.

Rev. Dr. Norcross pronounced the benediction.

## Wednesday Morning.

The prayer service at 9 o'clock was conducted by Mrs. W. R. Santley.

At 9.30 the meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. Hayes. "Jesus, lover of my soul," was sung, and Rev. Dr. T. J. Leak, Pastor of Franklin Ave. Church, offered prayer. Following this, the large audience joined in singing "Come, thou fount of every blessing."

At the conclusion of these exercises, Mrs. Hayes called Mrs. John Davis, first Vice-president, to the chair, and the business of the meeting was entered upon.

The minutes of the previous day were read by Mrs. Hoyt, and, on motion, adopted.

Mrs. Rust presented the report on Beneficiaries, and, on motion, it was adopted. (See page 60.)

Mrs. Bayliss called attention to the Mite Boxes, placed on the table for distribution, and urged the ladies to avail themselves of the opportunity to secure these little helping agents for gathering up the mites. She stated that, by special action of the Executive Board, these boxes are given to all who pledge a contribution of at least ten cents at some time during the year. Miss Minnie Bayliss, of Walnut Hills, Cincinnati, is the Agent for these Boxes, and her report to the Executive Board showed that more than five hundred have been distributed during the year. She suggested that all orders for these boxes be sent to Miss Bayliss, and that all reports concerning them be made to her.

On motion, Mrs. E. H. Gammon, Mrs. M. McC. Brown, Mrs. D. Morse, Mrs. S. M. Hickman, Mrs. H. C. Hedges, and Mrs. D. B. Tracy were added to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Williams said it was well to have every Conference and every interest represented in this Committee, but suggested that it should not be made so large as to be unmanageable.

A Committee on Resolutions was appointed, consisting of Mrs. M. McClellan Brown, Mrs. C. G. Boughton, Mrs. D. G. Strong, and Mrs. R. B. Pope.

Mrs. Williams read the report of Mrs. A. F. Newman, of Nebraska, Secretary of the Bureau for Mormons, which was a graphic portraiture of

life in Utah, and embodied a strong plea for Christian effort in behalf of these deluded people. The report was adopted. She also read a report on the establishment of an Industrial Home in Salt Lake City, prepared by Mrs. Newman. (See pages 92 and 61.)

Mrs. Davis stated that funds already contributed for the erection of the proposed Industrial Home at Salt Lake City were held by the Treasurer for that specific purpose till such time as the required amount is secured. Mrs. Rust made explanation that, at as early a time as practicable, a building will be erected to serve the purpose intended by those who, at the first, suggested the project.

On motion of Mrs. Brown, this report of Mrs. Newman was accepted and referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. Williams also read the report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to prepare a "Circular letter" on Mormonism. On motion, the report was accepted; and a vote of thanks was extended to the Committee, and it was discharged. (See page 65.)

Mrs. Rust, Corresponding Secretary of the Society, read her Annual Report. This report presented in an able and thorough manner the growth, extent, needs, and proposed work of the Society. It was listened to throughout with marked attention and interest, and was unanimously adopted. (See page 36.)

Rev. P. A. H. Franklin, a Scandinavian minister of Utah, was introduced, and spoke briefly of the work this Society is doing in that Territory, and of the great work that ought to be done there, particularly among his own people, who are living, for the most part, in the San Pete valley. These people had been deceived and enticed from their homes in the Old Country by false representations, and they are now waking up to a sense of the wrong that has been practiced upon them. He thought that this Society should send at least one missionary, an authorized preacher (more, if possible), to the countries of Northern Europe to counteract the influence of Mormon missionaries. He urged that this Society should petition Congress to disfranchise Mormon women, since they have no option in voting, but are compelled to cast such votes as the Mormon leaders direct, thus riveting their own chains more firmly, and helping to make laws for the destruction of American homes and the pollution of American daughters. Salt Lake City has a population of thirty thousand. Protestant denominations have only a few schools in that city. Outside of that city, there must be more schools. Small towns pay $10,000 and $12,000 in tithing for the Mormon faith; and we should be alert to enter into these settlements, and establish our schools and Christian work in them. More than two hundred such places need Christian educators, and this Society can not do a better thing than to erect inexpensive buildings for schools all through the Territory, and put in them educated Christian women; and when the Mormon girls are converted and educated, they will become teachers among their own people. He proposed that the Society should begin at once to build such school-houses, and call them "Lucy Hayes

School-houses," in honor of the President of this Society. Mr. Franklin further said: "I met in one of the towns in Utah a Scandinavian woman, whom I asked if she would not think it a nice thing to have a Scandinavian preacher or teacher sent among her people to present the Gospel in her native tongue? With a sad countenance, she answered, 'I fear that can not be, for there is no one to take an interest in us; but I have been praying for this for a long time.' *Your Society* must 'take an interest' in these sad, suffering women, and must send among them Christian teachers—evangels of mercy—to help them to a true knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ."

Mr. Franklin spoke with much fervor and pathos, and the audience were deeply moved by his words.

Mrs. Marcy and Mrs. Strong indorsed the remarks of Mr. Franklin concerning the great need for schools in Utah, and approved his suggestions.

Mrs. Davis proposed that a contribution be taken for this work, and asked for liberal gifts. Contributions followed with great rapidity, remarkable for the admirable spirit, the enthusiasm, and the liberality of the donors.

The sums pledged were as follows:

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| Mrs. John Davis, | $10 00 | Troy Conference, per Mrs. Kent, | $10 00 |
| Mrs. W. A. Ingham, | 10 00 | Mrs. E. G. Burgess, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. R. S. Rust, | 20 00 | Mrs. Ann Lussenden, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. S. A. Cheney, | 10 00 | Mrs. Judge Pennewell, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. J. P. Hanna, | 10 00 | Mrs. W. G. Williams, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. H. C. Dickinson, | 10 00 | Miss J. Henderson, for Franklin Ave. Church, Aux., | 25 00 |
| Mrs. A. R. Clark, | 10 00 | Mrs. M. L. Dale, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. J. H. Bayliss, | 10 00 | Mrs. A. B. Ayres, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. L. Bishop, | 20 00 | Central Church Aux., | 20 00 |
| Mrs. W. A. Lewis, | 10 00 | Detroit Conference, per Mrs. Rogers, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. C. G. Boughton, | 10 00 | Mrs. D. G. Strong, for Band at Bryan, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. T. J. Leak, | 10 00 | Norwalk Aux., including $5.00 from Rev. T. F. Hildreth, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. Dr. Brocket, | 10 00 | Wesleyan College, per Mrs. Brown, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. A. J. Hathaway, | 5 00 | East Ohio Conference, per Mrs. Cory, | 100 00 |
| Mrs. A. L. Nelson, | 5 00 | "Lucy Hayes" Band of Franklin Ave. Church, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. Chas. Goodall, | 10 00 | Miss Bertie Oviatt, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. G. H. Foster, | 10 00 | Young Ladies Society of Xenia, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. S. B. Oviatt, | 10 00 | Miss Jennie Cory and Miss Ilda Cory, $10.00 each, to make Mrs. A. H. Norcross life-member, | 20 00 |
| Mrs. C. B. Bowman, | 5 00 | Mrs. W. W. Case, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. Jos. Knapp, in memory of her mother, Mrs. Phœbe Palmer, | 250 00 | Vermont Conference, per Mrs. Arms, | 5 00 |
| Mrs. W. F. Thorne, | 10 00 | William St. Auxiliary, Delaware, | 50 00 |
| Mrs. A. M. Brush, for Ohio Conference, | 100 00 | | |
| Mrs. Wm. Runyan, | 5 00 | | |
| Mrs. E. H. Gammon, | 10 00 | | |
| Miss S. P. Thompson, for her mother, Mrs. Marcia Thompson, | 25 00 | | |
| Miss. M. Lownes, | 5 00 | | |
| Rev. J. B. Cory, for Asbury Chapel, | 10 00 | | |
| First Christ., Cleveland, | 100 00 | | |

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| Mrs. W. R. Santley, | $5 00 | Mrs. Dudley Morse, | $10 00 |
| Mrs. W. R. Santley, in memory of her sister, Mrs. A. J. Nast; and to make the little daughter, Marie Nast, life-member, | 20 00 | Miss H. Phillips, Centennial offering in memory of her father, | 100 00 |
| Erie Conference, per Mrs. Culver, | 100 00 | Young Ladies' Soc. of Akron, | 25 00 |
| Pittsburg Aux., | 20 00 | Michigan Conf., per Mrs. Aldrich, | 50 00 |
| Painesville Aux., | 10 00 | Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, | 10 00 |
| Mrs. H. C. Hedges, | 25 00 | Mrs. M. J. Shoyer, | 5 00 |
| | | Mrs. Theo. Arter, | 20 00 |

Mrs. R. T. Wade, $250.00, to constitute the following life-members: Rev. R. T. Wade, Gloversville, N. Y.; Mrs. Richard Peck, Amsterdam, N. Y.; Mrs. D. B. McKenzie, Mooers, N. Y.; Mrs. A. H. Housinger, Jonesville, N. Y.; Mrs. Emily J. Housinger, Round Lake, N. Y.; Charles S. Foote, Cleveland, O.; John C. Foote, Lawrence, Mass. This gift, $250.00, in memory of her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Foote, with request that one school-house be named for them.

Mrs. Aldrich presented the following resolution:

*Whereas*, The 29th of October has been set apart by the W. C. T. U. as a day of national fasting, confession, and prayer to Almighty God for his blessing upon the temperance cause; therefore,

*Resolved*, As workers together in the Lord, we recognize the day, and evince our belief in the overruling power of our Christ, by giving a short time to prayer for the success of the cause so dear to all our hearts.

Motion was made and carried that the opening exercises of the afternoon be in accordance with the sentiment of the resolution, and that Miss F. J. Duty be invited to conduct this service.

Ministers present were introduced as follows: Rev. W. W. Case, Rev. J. B. Cory, Rev. S. W. Hickman, Rev. A. J. Hiatt, Rev. A. J. Lyon, Rev. J. S. Youmans, Rev. T. J. Leak, Rev. T. F. Hildreth, Rev. A. VanCamp, Rev. C. A. Manchester.

The hour for adjournment having arrived, Rev. A. J. Hiatt pronounced the benediction.

A lunch was served to a large number of delegates and friends by Mrs. S. C. Moore, assisted by ladies of the West Side Churches.

## Wednesday Afternoon.

The devotional exercises were introduced by singing "A charge to keep I have," after which Miss F. J. Duty, of Cleveland, read the 62d Psalm and led in prayer. The hymn, "My faith looks up to thee," was sung, Mrs. Ingham offered prayer, and the large audience heartily joined in singing "Blest be the tie that binds."

Mrs. Davis took the chair and conducted the business.

The minutes of the morning session were read by Mrs. Ingham, and approved.

On motion, Mrs. W. F. Keller and Mrs. O. G. Peters were added to the Committee on Resolutions.

Mrs. Springer, Secretary of the Bureau of the Western and Northwestern Frontiers, presented her report on Supplies, in which she described in a vivid manner the needy condition of certain ministers in those sections, and stated what had been done in the way of supplies by various auxiliaries in Iowa. The report was adopted as read. (See page 93.)

Mrs. Williams read an extract from a letter written by Mrs. Blain, of Nebraska, saying that if the ladies of the Home Missionary Society knew how much good they are doing, how comfortable they are making many families of needy ministers, they would be as glad as these people are grateful. She had often heard ministers say, "I do not know what we should have done had it not been for the help which the Society has given us in the way of supplies and clothing."

Mrs. Davis said that more of such interesting information would be presented in connection with the report from the Department of Supplies.

The Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Clark, presented a well prepared report, showing in detail the complete financial operations in all the varied fields during the past year. The summary showed that all the expenses of the current year had been met, and that a balance is in hand for the work of the ensuing year. The report was listened to with deep interest and adopted with profound gratitude. (See page 95.)

Mrs. Hoyt spoke of the great amount of time consumed by the Treasurer in the performance of her duties, and said those who are not familiar with this kind of work can hardly form a true estimate of the arduous and perplexing labor that devolves upon that officer. As Auditor, it had been her duty to examine the accounts of the Treasurer, and from personal knowledge she could testify to the accurate and systematic manner in which these are kept. She could also testify to the pains-taking and onerous labor performed by that officer, often at a sacrifice of personal comfort and social pleasures. This large amount of work, like that of *all the other officers of the Society*, has been done *gratuitously* from the beginning of our organization. She therefore moved that, in consideration of her great services so efficiently rendered, Mrs. A. R. Clark be made an Honorary Life Patron of this Society.

The motion was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

The names of the committee on Nominations, as selected by the delegations, were announced as follows: Mrs. M. C. Hickman, Mrs. Wm. Runyan, Mrs. C. V. Culver, Mrs. D. G. Strong, Mrs. W. R. Santley, Mrs. C. D. Firestone, Mrs. C. G. Boughton, Mrs. D. Morse, Mrs. J. W. Livezey, Mrs. R. T. Wade, Mrs. E. H. Gammon, Mrs. M. D. Moors, Mrs. Col. Springer, Mrs. R. B. Pope, Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Mrs. G. F. Arms, Mrs. L. A. Matthews, Mrs. Charles Goodall, Mrs. C. A. Grant.

On motion, Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Goff, and Mrs. Whetstone were added to this Committee, and it was then approved.

Mrs. Ampt presented the report of Committee on Transportation, which was adopted, and the thanks of the Society were extended to Mrs.

Ampt for the efficient manner in which she had performed the duties assigned her. (See page 88.)

On motion, the time was extended to hear Mrs. Rust's report on "Industrial Homes," in which she set forth the object of these Homes, and outlined the work done in them. The report was adopted. (See page 64.)

On the adoption of this report Mrs. Rust asked that a committee be appointed to prepare rules and regulations regarding the management and furnishing of these Homes, said Committee to be selected, if practicable, from each Conference.

Mrs. Hoyt moved that this matter be referred to the Committee on Nomination, as that Committee is composed of members from all the Conferences represented here, and has comparatively little to do, and that Mrs. Rust, Mrs. Whetstone, Mrs. Goff, and Mrs. Marcy be added to the Committee. The motion was adopted.

Notices were read and the meeting adjourned, Rev. Mr. Franklin pronouncing the benediction.

Tea was served to a large number who remained for the evening meeting, and a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

## Wednesday Evening.

The Society convened at 7.30. A large audience was in attendance, the commodious church being well filled. The opening exercises were conducted by Rev. Dr. Norcross.

Mrs. Tuttle, a visiting lady of the Society of Friends, from Delaware, was introduced by the President, Mrs. Hayes, and delivered an address on "Systematic Giving." In the outstart she stated that every woman should be allowed by her husband a definite sum of money to meet the expenses which come exclusively within the domain of her duties, and she recommended the same plan with reference to sons and daughters as a means of economic education.

She referred to the church tithes and offerings of the ancient Jews, which was estimated to require from one-third to one-half of their income, and applied the same system of tithes to the modern support of the Gospel. Were this method adopted, there would be no begging servants of the Lord. In proportion as offerings were made by any one would he prosper, was the thread of the discourse, which abounded with illustrations and was intently listened to throughout.

Mrs. Knapp, by special request, sang "Only a drop in the bucket."

Mrs. Goodall, the delegate from California, next entertained the audience with a description of the missionary work among the Chinese in San Francisco. She spoke in a quiet and modest, but earnest and impressive tone, with an occasional stroke of fine humor, and presented an interesting view of the subject which has harassed the Western Coast for many years. The question, she said, usually asked a person known to hail from

California is, "What do you think of the Chinese question?" so vital is it in the politics of that State. The political phase of the question she, as a representative of a mission, did not care to discuss, yet from experience she knew that they make faithful servants.

Among the Chinese population are many women and girls. Some of these have been bought, some stolen, and others induced to emigrate to America, not knowing what fate awaited them. The life they are compelled to lead is horrible in its degradation, and it is quite common to read in the papers that a Chinese woman has committed suicide. The missionary work is among these women. Learning, from the help rendered one of their number by the Society, that shelter and protection would be afforded them in the Mission "Home," many others have escaped from their masters in "Chinatown," and asked the mission for help, till now two hundred have been admitted and cared for.

The first process toward making them Christians begins in the bath-room. Chinese women are worth money, and there is often a contest over them. Many have been taken from the mission by writ of *habeas corpus*, but most of them obtained again. The cost of keeping these girls in the mission is sixty dollars a year, and many are supported there by individuals who meet this expense. The gratitude of the beneficiaries is unbounded. Mrs. Goodall related many touching incidents in connection with the rescue of these women from their life of infamy and their reformation. Her address of half an hour was much too short.

Mrs. Bayliss gave, in conclusion, a short talk on the work in the mission school at Savannah, Georgia. She related several incidents and anecdotes showing the dense and ludicrous ignorance and the poverty of the hapless colored children whom it is the object of the mission to enlighten and befriend.

After a solo by Mrs. Knapp the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. Case.

## Thursday Morning.

The session opened at 9.30, Mrs. Hayes in the chair. A short service of prayer, participated in by Mrs. Cheney, Miss Thompson, and Mrs. Wilson, prepared all hearts for the business of the morning, that was pushed with vigor by Mrs. Davis.

Mrs. S. W. Thomson, publisher of *Woman's Home Missions*, presented her report, which embodied a history of that paper during the first year of its existence. The report was adopted with much enthusiasm. (See page 68.)

Mrs. Thomson supplemented her report with an interesting statement of personal experience relating to her conversion to the cause of Home Missions through the influence of the little paper. She said in coming to that platform she had "walked over the prejudices of a lifetime," for she had always believed that public speaking was outside of woman's sphere, but she stood there to-day to make humble confession of her mistake, and

to signify her willingness to join heart and hand with the women of this Society in the work to which so manifestly they have been divinely called.

Mrs. McCabe made an appeal for advertisements for the paper.

Mrs. Rust and others testified in words of highest appreciation to the value of the paper, emphasizing the fact that though less than a year old it has a subscription list of 4,500.

On motion, the Society indorsed both publisher and editor, and commended the general management of the paper.

The question of appointing a special committee on the paper was raised, but on motion it was decided to refer the consideration of the paper to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

The minutes of the previous session were read by Mrs. Hoyt, and approved.

The report on Fields of Mission Work was presented by Mrs. Williams, Chairman of the Committee, and adopted. (See page 70.)

On motion, the same Committee, consisting of Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. L. D. McCabe, Mrs. E. E. Marcy, Mrs. C. V. Culver, and Mrs. M. McC. Brown, were constituted a Standing Committee for the ensuing year, to which all questions pertaining to this subject shall be referred.

Mrs. Williams also presented the report of the Committee on Leaflets. Pending its adoption, Mrs. McCabe spoke of the need for diffusing more missionary intelligence through this agency.

Mrs. Bayliss raised the question whether the leaflets were really worth the cost of publication, stating that as far as her observation went very little interest was manifested for them.

This called out spirited replies from many ladies, who testified to the great desire for the leaflets and the interest awakened by them. The difficulty was not in finding people to read them, but in supplying the urgent calls for them, and all the speakers emphasized the need for a liberal distribution of them wherever the work may be presented.

On motion, the report was adopted, and it was ordered that a large number of the shorter leaflets be kept on deposit, subject to the orders of those desiring to distribute them. (See page 71.)

Mrs. Rust asked the ladies to take home with them the Constitution for Auxiliaries and Bands, and to note especially the provision therein made for bequests.

Attention was also called to the supply of literature placed on the table for gratuitous distribution.

The report of the Committee appointed at the last Annual Meeting to represent this Society at the General Conference was made by Mrs. Rust. The report was adopted with thanks, and the Committee discharged. (See page 72.)

Mrs. Rust read a letter from Dr. J. M. Reid, stating that the Missionary Society would doubtless approve the plans presented by this Society for extension of work. He also expressed the hope that some arrangement might be made whereby this Society could carry on missionary work among the Indians.

Mrs. Culver presented a carefully prepared paper on Local Work, clearly defining what constitutes local missionary work, and showing how it may have representation in the General Society.

The report was adopted, and ordered printed for gratuitous distribution. (See page 81.)

Mrs. Whetstone, Superintendent of Mission Supplies, read a report that was listened to with general interest. It showed that 236 packages, the value of which, at a low estimate, aggregated $7,869.97, have been distributed through the South and West. A schedule of supply packages distributed during the past ten months to the families of ministers on the frontiers, to the schools, and to the Industrial Homes, was appended to the report. On motion, the report was adopted. (See page 82.)

The Chair commended Mrs. Whetstone for the efficient manner in which she had discharged the difficult duties pertaining to this department; and, on motion of Mrs. Rust, a vote of thanks was unanimously extended to Mrs. Whetstone.

A vote of thanks was also extended to the various railroads and express companies for their gratuitous carriage of these supplies to every part of the Union.

Mrs. Marcy made a report on the Training School embodying the following facts: The Local Committee at Chicago had examined property in different localities in the city, and had visited the Baptist Training School located there, and made such further investigations as could be made in these lines. They had received from ladies engaged in city benevolent work an appeal for help in the various forms of work for the children and the neglected in which they are engaged, with the earnest hope expressed that such a school would be speedily established, and the girls in training be made available for this purpose. One thousand dollars was pledged last year to this work in local sections, and a small sum had been added by one of the auxiliaries in Ohio. Ladies in Evanston have planned a Fair in behalf of the enterprise, which will be held in February. If subscription cards for the Training School were put in circulation generally, funds might be collected for this special work in many places where societies are not yet organized. In conclusion she recommended that "we lay a foundation *in silver* for a substantial structure as a Training School for our missionaries."

Pending the acceptance of this report, Mrs. Willing asked several questions pertinent to a clear understanding of the subject, to which Mrs. Marcy replied, explaining more fully the plans of instruction and of general management proposed for this school.

On motion, the report was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields. (See page 85.)

Mrs. Cory, in behalf of the ladies of Cleveland, proffered an extension of hospitalities, and invited the Convention to continue its session another day This invitation was received with thanks, and accepted on condition that the demands of business require a longer stay.

Owing to pressure of business, it was decided that the reading of the reports of Conference Secretaries should be omitted; but that each Secretary, when called, should bring her report to the Secretaries' table, where they would be filed for publication in the Annual Report.

Mrs. Gammon spoke in behalf of the Model Home, at Atlanta, stating that a larger building was greatly needed there. The building now there accommodates but a small number of girls, while the facilities for instruction are ample for a much larger number. From personal observation and knowledge she could say that the management of that Home was excellent, and that such instruction as was given there in housekeeping and in the domestic arts was absolutely indispensable in the education of the colored girls. She further stated that if the Society would build a larger building, at an estimated cost of about $3,000, she would donate one-half of the amount of money required.

On motion, this offer of Mrs. Gammon was accepted with grateful thanks, and the matter of building such a Home referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

In grateful acknowledgment of this and other liberal gifts, Mr. and Mrs. Gammon, of Batavia, Ill., were constituted Honorary Life Patrons of this Society by a unanimous rising vote.

Mrs. Col. Springer, of Iowa, was also made an Honorary Life Patron, in recognition of her noble sacrifices and successful efforts in behalf of the interests and work of the Society.

Mrs. James Kent, of Gloversville, N. Y., was made Honorary Life Patron in acknowledgment of generous donations made to the Society.

Mr. and Mrs. Goff, of Philadelphia, were constituted Honorary Life Patrons, in recognition of the generous gift proffered by Mrs. Goff towards the erection of a Memorial Industrial Home at Orangeburg, S. C. (in connection with Claflin University), in memory of Bishop Simpson.

The statement was made that the ladies of the Philadelphia Conference would undertake the building of this Home as a special work, at a cost of $1,000, if the Society approved the project. On motion, the matter was referred to the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Mrs. M. Dale, colored delegate from New Orleans, La., spoke for a few minutes with reference to the work she was doing as District Manager. She stated that thirteen auxiliaries had been organized, and fifteen schools were in operation; that large numbers of children who wished to attend school could not do so for lack of necessary clothing, and asked that help in this direction might be furnished them. She had come to this meeting to get information, that she might return and labor more intelligently and successfully for her people. Her faith in the Woman's Home Missionary Society was established upon the firm belief that, as one of the agencies of the Methodist Episcopal Church, it would be as enduring as the Church itself.

She was listened to with marked interest, which culminated in enthusiasm when Mrs. Davis grasped her hand, and in touching words of tenderness welcomed her to the meeting, and said to the Society, "Africa stretches

out her hand to you." Mrs. Rust said, "Seven million of colored people stand behind this woman;" and Mrs. Hayes cordially greeted her.

On motion, a Committee, consisting of Mrs. Marcy, Mrs. Aldrich, and Mrs. Ingham, was appointed to consider and report on centennial offerings.

Miss Hattie Phillips, of Akron, proffered to give a donation of one hundred dollars to the "Lucy Hayes School-house" Fund in memory of her father.

Mrs. Hayes stated that she had been deeply moved by reading a letter that had just been handed her, written by a Presiding Elder in the Northwest, and she would read it to the Society. It contained an urgent and pathetic appeal for comfortable clothing for a minister and his family, who were eminently deserving—stating, among other things, that the minister was going to his appointments with a bed-comfort wrapped around him instead of a much-needed overcoat.

On motion, the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields were excused for early lunch.

Mrs. Hoyt stated that it was necessary to have the names of all delegates and visitors from abroad correctly published in the Annual Report, and asked permission to read the list furnished the Secretaries by the Enrollment Committee, in order that any needed corrections might be made. This request was granted, and the list was read and verified,

The hour for adjournment having arrived, an extension of time was granted to Mrs. Willing for an expression of sentiment. She displayed a quilt made by feeble hands and eyes dim with age, sent as a love-offering to this Society, and moved that a committee of three be appointed to collect subscriptions for this quilt during the noon hour, five dollars having been already pledged, and that the quilt be sent as a present to the wife of Rev. Mr. Franklin, in Utah.

Mrs. Strong asked that a portion of the money thus collected be used to buy a buggy for a woman in Utah, recently converted from Mormonism, who desired to go from place to place in evangelistic work, and who had a horse, but no buggy. One adapted to her use could be purchased for twenty-five dollars.

On motion, Mrs. McKinney, Mrs. Brocker, and Mrs. Excell were appointed said Committee.

The meeting adjourned, with the benediction pronounced by Rev. A. Van Camp.

A bountiful lunch was served under the supervision of Mrs. Pope, assisted by ladies from churches on the East Side.

## Thursday Afternoon.

The exercises opened at two o'clock with singing "Jesus, lover of my my soul." Mrs. J. F. Willing offered prayer.

Mrs. Davis having been obliged to return to Cincinnati, Mrs. Hayes announced that Mrs. Hoyt, Second Vice-President, would take charge of the business sessions for the remainder of the Convention, and accordingly Mrs. Hoyt took the chair.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Mrs. McCabe, Secretary of the Bureau for Indians, presented her report, in which she referred to the wrongs suffered by the Indians at the hands of our government, and to the urgent calls that come for Christian help for these neglected and degraded wards of our nation. In conclusion she expressed a strong desire that this Society send at least one missionary among the Indians. Report adopted. (See page 91.)

Mrs. Willing, by request, presented the quilt to Rev. Mr. Franklin for his wife. She stated that it had been pieced and donated by Mrs. J. C. Adams, mother of Rev. C. E. Manchester, pastor of Euclid Avenue M. E. Church, Cleveland; and that the committee appointed to collect subscriptions on the quilt reported $40.10, $25 of which are for the purchase of a buggy for the use of a converted Mormon woman when traveling in evangelistic work, if the Society so approve.

On motion, the matter relating to the purchase of a buggy was referred to the Executive Board, and Mrs. Adams was made life member of the Society.

At this point Mrs. Castle led forward her little grandson, Carl Castle, and introduced him to Mrs. Hayes. He placed in Mrs. Hayes's hand a twenty-dollar gold piece, which was to constitute himself a Life Member of the Society, and to help educate a little colored boy to be named Carl Castle.

Mrs. Phinney, President of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union of Ohio, was introduced, and presented the fraternal greetings of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, lately convened at St. Louis.

Mrs. Springer was granted permission to read a report of her work as Conference Secretary in Iowa. She represented the four Conferences of that State, viz.: Des Moines (see page 44), North-west German (see page 53), North-west Iowa (see page 54), Upper Iowa (see page 56).

Mrs. Dudley Morse added twenty dollars to her previous subscription for the Savannah Fund, to make her husband Life Member of the Society.

A resolution offered, commending Mrs. Jackson's system of dress-cutting for use in the Industrial School, was referred to the Committee on Industrial Homes.

The report of the Committee on Nominations was read by Mrs. Springer,

and unanimously adopted. (For list of officers see page 2; for furnishing Industrial Homes see page 86.)

By request Mrs. Aiken announced the names of ladies in the Convention who would solicit subscriptions for the paper, *Woman's Home Missions.*

Mrs. Rust read a communication from General Eaton, suggesting that this Society make an exhibit of the Industrial department of its work at the New Orleans Exposition, and proffering rooms for this purpose.

On motion, a Committee was appointed to consider this project, consisting of Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Rust, Mrs. McCabe, Mrs. Shoyer, Mrs. Boughton.

Mrs. Bayliss, Secretary of the Bureau for Chinese, reported verbally that she was surprised on investigation to find that this most persecuted race had received much greater attention than any other heathen in our country She had failed to discover a single large city where there were not Sunday-schools and associations looking to their spiritual welfare. Where thousands of Poles and other foreigners were wholly neglected the three or four Chinamen in a city were amply provided for. The only field open for missionary work was on the Pacific Coast, where they abounded in such large numbers. The report was adopted.

Mrs. Whetstone presented a Report on Missionary Candidates, which was adopted. (See page 86.)

Permission was granted Mrs. McCabe to read the memorial to be presented to Congress by the Woman's National Indian Association.

The Chairman, Mrs. Hoyt, stated that a little paper had just been handed her, which gave her great pleasure, and which read as follows:

The North Ohio Conference will pledge $200 to Savannah.
(Signed,) Mrs. Hedges and Mrs. Santley.

Mrs. Hoyt said she had felt a great interest in the mission at Savannah from its commencement, as she had an active part in founding it. She gave a short history of the formation of the mission, of the condition in which the missionaries found the church and the people there, and of the manner in which the little home for the missionaries was furnished by the ladies of Cincinnati.

The Committee on Resolutions reported through its Secretary, Mrs. R. B. Pope. The report was adopted. (See page 87.)

Mrs. Cory heartily thanked the ladies of the Society for coming to Cleveland.

Mrs. McCabe called attention to the department in the *Woman's Home Missions* of "Mother's Jewels," and urged that all those mothers having young children should send their names, accompanied by ten cents, for enrollment in this department, that thus they might be identified with the Society, and become specially interested in it. Mrs. Whetstone called attention to the notices published in that paper in regard to supplies.

Mrs. Knapp sent a beautiful bouquet of flowers to Mrs. Hayes, which was gracefully received and acknowledged. By request of Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Knapp sang "Only a drop in the bucket," and also sang "He has come."

On motion, the Convention adjourned to meet at 7 P. M. for the completion of business. Rev. Dr. W. W. Case pronounced the benediction.

Tea was served in the church dining-room to a large number who remained for the evening session.

## Thursday Evening.

THE meeting opened at seven o'clock, with Mrs. Hoyt in the chair. The hymn, "My faith looks up to thee," was sung, and Mrs. W. F. Wilson led in prayer.

The reports of the Conference Corresponding Secretaries were called for. Mrs. Aiken called the roll of Conferences in alphabetical order (see pages 2 and 3), and, in accordance with previous action, each Secretary handed her report to the Secretaries without reading. (See pages 44–59.)

Mrs. Williams read the report of the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields.

Motion was made to accept and consider by items. The first and second items were adopted after a short discussion, in which several ladies joined, after which the remainder of the report was adopted as a whole. (See page 88.)

On motion, a Committee of two was appointed to arrange for the place of holding the next Annual Meeting, consisting of Mrs. H. F. Spencer and Mrs. L. D. McCabe.

Mrs. Wilson read the report of the Committee on Industrial Exhibit at New Orleans. On motion, Mrs. Whetstone was added to the Committee therein recommended, and thus amended the report was adopted. (See page 88.)

Mrs. McCabe offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a Committee be appointed on revision of the Blank forms for reports now in use by auxiliaries and district officers, the chairman of which shall be a Conference Secretary.

The resolution was adopted, and the Committee constituted as follows: Mrs. W. G. Williams, *Chairman;* Mrs. H. C. Hedges, Mrs. C. V. Culver, Mrs. A. R. Clark.

On motion, a Committee on Memorials was appointed, consisting of Mrs. A. F. Newman, Mrs. J. W. Houghton, Mrs. C. G. Boughton, Mrs. J. H. Bayliss, Mrs. S. A. Mather, Mrs. M. D. Moors, Mrs. L. D. McCabe.

Mrs. Williams called attention to the fact that not unfrequently the estimated value of missionary supplies is reported as cash collections. She stated some of the objections to this method, and recommended keeping the reports of moneys and of supplies entirely separate.

A short discussion ensued in which Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Culver, Mrs. Whetstone, and others participated, some approving this method of reporting, and others opposing it. Mrs. A. R. Clark, the Treasurer, heartily op-

posed it, and spoke of the serious inconvenience it caused her; and she also alluded to the fact that the value of supplies was often over-estimated.

Mrs. Williams made additional suggestions on this point, and moved that a committee of three be appointed on Conference reports in reference to keeping separate the supplies and the cash donations.

The motion was adopted, and Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, Mrs. G. F. Arms, and Mrs. H. W. Rogers were appointed said committee.

On motion, a committee was appointed to publish the Annual Report, consisting of Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, editor, Mrs. R. S. Rust, and Mrs. A. R. Clark.

Permission was granted Rev. J. B. Cory to make a proposition that the Woman's Home Missionary Society should take up city mission work as one of its specialties, and he presented a plan by which this could be done under a separate bureau constituted for this special purpose. On motion his proposal was referred to the Executive Board at Cincinnati.

A motion to adjourn prevailed.

Mrs. Hoyt said: At the close of this convention, as I look into the faces of the ladies assembled here, and review the work we have been doing for the last three days, I can but exclaim from a full heart, "What hath God wrought."

Less than four years ago a little band of women, urged and inspired by some of the wise counselors of the Church, came together in Cincinnati to consult and take measures relative to the formation of a Society for the uplifting and christianizing of degraded women and children in our own land.

In weakness and trembling, but carefully and advisedly, the preliminary steps were taken, the Society was formed, and the Church was asked to receive and welcome this new claimant upon its sympathy and fostering care. Amid many discouragements, and much anxiety, the feeble Society struggled on its upward way, gradually gaining in numbers and in means, and sending out its radiating influences through all sections of the land.

It has stretched out its helpful hand to degraded colored women in their lowly homes, and has gathered the children into industrial schools; it is lifting up the poor white women of the South and helping them to look heaven-ward; it is furnishing to the Mormon women in their destitution the bread of life, and their hungry souls are being fed; it is looking with compassionate solicitude towards the wigwams of the defrauded Indians; it is beginning to care for the heathen Chinese within our own borders; it is sending comfort and aid to the homes of self-denying missionaries on the frontiers; and it is devising how to reach and help the degraded women in New Mexico, and in all unchristianized sections of our own land.

It has received the sanction of the General Conference, and the indorsement of a large number of Annual Conferences, and a goodly number of representatives from these various Conferences are present here. Surely "the little one has become a thousand."

Since its organization a little more than three years ago more than

$40,000 have been received and disbursed in missionary work in the South and West. The Boarding Hall at Salt Lake Seminary, the Industrial Homes at Orangeburg, at Atlanta, at Holly Springs, and at Little Rock, the schools and missionaries at Ogden, at Salt Lake City, at New Orleans, and Savannah, all stand among the first fruits of this youngest society of the Church. At this the *third* Annual Meeting, delegates are present from twenty-four Conferences, representing fourteen States, from Maine to California. And after careful deliberation this body, composing the Board of Managers of the Society, has felt warranted in making appropriations for the ensuing year that aggregate more than $35,000. How graciously and bountifully the Lord has dealt with us! How has he blessed the labor of our hands!

And now, as we stand in this place and look back over the toilsome way that we have come, and forward to the wide fields of duty and of activity that are opening before us, let us raise our *Eben-ezer*—not a pillar of literal stones, but one of thankfulness and gratitude—and inscribe on the one side, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us," and on the other, "In the strength of the Lord will we go forward."

Mrs. Runyan led in fervent prayer, Rev. Dr. Youmans pronounced the benediction, and the Third Annual Meeting of the Woman's Home Missionary Society was brought to a close.

Immediately after adjournment the audience retired to the parlors of the church, where an informal reception was tendered to Mrs. Hayes and the ladies of the Executive Board. Long before the convention closed its session the parlors of the church were filled with a throng of ladies and gentlemen anxious to pay their respects to the lady and ladies in honor of whom the reception was given. The parlors were nicely decorated and brilliantly lighted. Mrs. Knapp rendered several of her excellent solos, and other ladies favored the assemblage with some choice musical selections. It was an occasion of rare social enjoyment, and was the crowning manifestation of the continuous hospitality and courtesy exhibited by the ladies of Cleveland.

MRS. F. S. HOYT,
MRS. F. A. AIKEN,
MRS. W. A. INGHAM. } *Secretaries.*

# Report of the Corresponding Secretary,

MRS. R. S. RUST.

With gratitude to our Father in heaven and to the kind friends that have aided in the work, the Corresponding Secretary presents her third Annual Report to the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The present year has been a prosperous one. Although our anticipations in all respects have not been fully realized, yet a good work has been inaugurated, the judicious and vigorous prosecution of which will vindicate the necessity for its organization, and send the blessings of our holy religion to the destitute parts of our own land.

In the inauguration of an enterprise of this character difficulties present themselves which can only be overcome by patience, time, and sacrifice; and while we rejoice in the removal of so many obstacles from our pathway in the past, we will still go forward in the good work, relying upon divine wisdom for guidance and omnipotent strength for support in the removal of those which we may meet in the future.

At the start, it was necessary to ascertain the character and extent of the needs existing in this country for the special sympathy and aid of women, carefully weigh the claims of different sections of our country, select the most efficient instrumentalities for the removal of suffering and want, and secure the general diffusion of intelligence and morality.

And what was still more important, it was necessary to collect funds to carry on mission work and to sustain our teachers in the field. To accomplish this, facts must be gathered, appeals and arguments presented to awaken sympathy and inspire action. This could not be effected without general organization, which must be adjusted to operate in harmony with other existing benevolent agencies of the Church.

During the last twenty years our great Home Mission fields, South and West, have been opened to the Church by emancipation, enterprise, and immigration, and the Church is awakening to the importance of educating and christianizing the ignorant, vicious, and degraded multitudes in our country.

The important duty of prosecuting the work projected by the Board of Managers, and of improving the opportunities of usefulness presented to the Society, has been conscientiously and faithfully performed. It has required work, care, and anxiety, but the task has been lightened by the sympathy of our sisters, the gratitude of those receiving aid, the approval of the authorities of the Church, and the abiding presence of the Lord.

### THE YEAR'S WORK.

In recording the events of the year, first in importance we consider the action of the last General Conference, by which the Woman's Home Missionary Society was introduced into the Church as one of its connectional benevolences. Until this year, it had held its position by courtesy, working *in* the Church and *for* the Church, but without the constitutional authority of the Church, as the Society had been organized since the close of the last General Conference. This Society received the sanction of that body, which met in Philadelphia last May, and it was authorized to prosecute its work under its original Constitution, with the same encouragement and relation to other agencies as apply to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

We congratulate ourselves in being recognized as one of the benevolent associations of the Church, and trust that we shall prove worthy of the fellowship to which we have been so generously welcomed. It must be remembered with grateful acknowledgments that the last General Conference granted to the Woman's Foreign and the Woman's Home Missionary Societies the privilege of taking collections in public meetings held in their interest, which had never been allowed before. The report of the Committee appointed at our last meeting to present to the General Conference the Constitution of our Society, its objects and methods of work, and solicit its recognition, will, in due time, be submitted, setting forth in detail the results of this important trust.

### HOME AT SALT LAKE SEMINARY.

The building, which had been commenced the previous year, has been completed, at a cost of $6,000. It furnishes valuable aid to the missionary force of the Church in Utah, provides needed accommodation for the Seminary, and gives to the work of the Church the impress of stability, the influence of which is felt throughout the Territory.

The work in Utah has been strengthened by the following teachers: Miss Saugstad, in the Sau Pete valley at Mt. Pleasant, and Mrs. Spurlock, in Salt Lake City. These ladies teach school, visit families, and interest mothers in the education of their children. This is found to be the most successful method of combating error and doing good among this people.

### WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS.

The publication of a monthly paper, provided for at the last Annual Meeting, has been commenced and sustained with encouraging results. It has been edited with ability, and has proved a valuable auxiliary to our work, acknowledging receipts of moneys and goods, giving information of new organizations, furnishing interesting letters from missionaries concerning their work, and communicating valuable information in regard to the extent and wants of the field. The publishing interests have been so judiciously managed that the paper has paid all expenses from the beginning.

### INDUSTRIAL TRAINING FOR GIRLS.

This department of our work, inaugurated last year at Atlanta, Georgia, and Orangeburg, South Carolina, in connection with the Universities at these places, has fully met the expectation of its friends.

Other denominations, as well as our own, have industrial schools for *boys*, imparting to them a knowledge of business, agriculture, and the trades, and it seems to us that it is just as important that girls should be trained in the arts of housekeeping and the employments that women can appropriately enter upon in the sphere of life to which they may consecrate their energies.

The department has secured for the Society the highest commendation of General Eaton, Commissioner of Education, who says: "Any system of education which leaves out of consideration the home will be a failure;" and of Rev. Dr. Haygood, Agent of the Slater Fund, who writes: "Your Society has solved the problem, What to do for the girls." Others, well qualified to judge of the needs of the people, and of its adaptiveness to meet them, join in commendation of our domestic training schools for girls.

But this industrial training ought not to need argument for its support, when the most intelligent educators of the country are discussing the propriety of introducing elementary training for the practical industries into all our public schools.

### ADELINE M. SMITH INDUSTRIAL HOME.

This enterprise, at Little Rock, Arkansas, in connection with the Philander Smith College, inaugurated last year by the generous donation of $1,800 by Mrs. Smith, is in successful operation. It was dedicated in February, with interesting ceremonies, by Bishop Wiley, Dr. Rust, and others. Mrs. Smith, who was present, pledged $800 to free the building from all indebtedness, and her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. E. Blackstone, of Oak Park, Illinois, furnished the Home with appropriate furniture, and it is now crowded with girls, earnestly applying themselves to the study of household arts and duties.

### HOLLY SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI.

A similar enterprise has been established here in connection with the Rust University. Special donations have been secured, and a beautiful property has been purchased, adjoining the College Campus, consisting of a small brick house and three acres of ground, ornamented with trees and shrubbery.

The school has been opened, and is filled with girls from the university and the city. A large and convenient house for this department has been commenced, which will be completed in November.

### INDUSTRIAL HOME AND SCHOOL AT SAVANNAH.

Special appropriations have been solicited, and share-cards issued for collecting funds to purchase property for the accommodation of this School

and Home. An excellent work has been sustained here for the past three years. The field is an important one, and the enterprise, inaugurated by our self-sacrificing missionaries, Mrs. Bristol, Miss Baldwin, and Mrs. S. M. Lewis, which has accomplished so much good, must be prosecuted with increased vigor. A suitable building for the accommodation of the School should be provided at the earliest time possible.

The fact that our Church has no institution of learning at this place, where one is so much needed, adds greatly to the importance of sustaining this one established by our Society, combining advantages both of school and home for the girls.

APPROPRIATIONS.

The Board of Managers arranged the work of the year on the basis of an expenditure of $20,000, and made appropriations in behalf of certain mission fields where the work had not yet been commenced in expectation of special donations to meet this contemplated work. Acting upon the instruction of the Board of Managers to incur no debt, the Executive Board has declined entering these new fields, which might have involved the Society in financial embarrassment.

The recommendation of the Board, to establish an industrial department for girls wherever practicable in schools sustained by the Church, has inspired special effort in behalf of the following places:

BENNETT SEMINARY, GREENSBORO, N. C.

Troy Conference takes a deep interest in this Seminary, and it bears the honored name of a citizen of Troy who gave $10,000 towards its establishment, and the Woman's Home Missionary Society of this Conference has pledged itself to erect, at an early day, a convenient building, and to sustain an industrial department in connection with this school. Realizing the great importance of industrial training for the girls of the school, the Executive Board of that Conference Society have guaranteed the money necessary to insure it, and Mrs. James Kent, of Gloversville, N. Y., one of their number, becomes security for the payment of the bills. Surely such faith in God and the Church will have its reward.

CAMDEN, S. C.

The ladies of the New England Southern Conference have secured money and propose to establish a training school for girls in this place. There is a large colored population in this vicinity anxious to receive the advantages of such an institution. The Church has no school here, and instruction will be given in the primary branches and in the elements of history, biography, and literature to elevate the taste, cultivate a desire for reading, and give charm to home life. But first importance will be given to housekeeping in all its departments, cooking, sewing, and the industries of the needle. The cultivation of vegetables and flowers for the use of the family and the adornment of home will receive careful attention.

Mrs. James Mather, the indefatigable Corresponding Secretary of the

Conference Society, just after emancipation purchased property here, established a school and sustained it largely by her own exertions for several years, and she now promises to aid liberally in the establishment and support of a home here for girls.

JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA.

An industrial department is projected in connection with Cookman Institute, to be aided by ladies in the New Hampshire Conference. Funds are being solicited and organizations formed there with this object in view by Miss Hattie Emerson, who co-operates with the ladies of the Society. She has entered the field to represent its claims, and has received encouraging assurances of success.

SPECIAL DONATIONS.

We take great pleasure in acknowledging our indebtedness to the Rev. Dr. Haygood for kind encouragement in our industrial work, and for an appropriation from the Slater Fund of $1,600, which has been expended for the support of teachers in prosecuting this branch of our work. We are also indebted to Rev. Dr. Vincent, in behalf of the Sunday-school Union of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for $1,000 worth of "Leaflets," treating of industrial training, and home life, manners, and morals.

BENEFICIARIES.

We have aided in the support of twenty girls in the schools by special appropriations. We believe that small sums of money used at the discretion of wise teachers in educating girls who could not attend school without such assistance, has accomplished an amount of good that could not have been secured by an equal expenditure of funds in any other way.

SUPPLIES.

The recommendation made two years ago that our department of supplies be enlarged so as to take in missionaries and their families on the frontiers and Sunday-schools that need help—a work that has been done with so much success by the Presbyterian Church, which places a needy family and Sunday-school in the care of a prosperous Church—has been carried into practical operation. The work has been systematized, and it promises to become an agency of blessing to the helpers and the helped, both being benefited by the bond of sympathy established between them. The department is depended upon for supplies of material for the industrial homes and sewing schools, for the benefit of which it was at first inaugurated.

MISSIONARY TEACHERS.

The following teachers have been in the field the past year: Miss Josephine Cowgill, Mrs. Joan Bentley, Miss G. Hale, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Black, Mrs. Lehman, Miss Taylor, Mrs. Williams, in New Orleans, La.; Mrs. S. M. Lewis and Miss Viola Baldwin, in Savannah, Ga.; Miss Ella J. Betts, Orangeburg, S. C.; Miss Flora Mitchell, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Elizabeth McIntosh, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. Skewes at Ogden, Miss Anderson and

Mrs. Spurlock at Salt Lake City, and Miss Saugstad at Fremont, Utah. Mrs. Isabella Howells in the Texas and Mrs. Richardson in the West Texas Conference have done excellent work with a very small appropriation to cover necessary expenses in their work as Corresponding Secretaries of those Conferences. Also, Mrs. Hester Williams and Mrs. Marcus Dale in the Louisiana, and Mrs. Thomas in the Alabama Conference, deserve special mention for their efforts in securing the organization of the women and the collection of money for schools and benevolent work among their own people. They have managed to make this good work self-supporting. Miss Sophia Johnson at Holly Springs, and Miss Sallie Purdam at Orangeburg, S. C., commenced their labors as superintendents in charge of the respective model Homes in these places early in October, 1884.

ORGANIZATION.

The General Board of Managers is composed of delegates from all the Conferences. It meets annually, takes into consideration the wants of the field, the best plan for raising funds, and for making the most judicious expenditure of them.

The constitution provides that this Board arrange with the several Conference Secretaries the specific work to be undertaken by each Conference. The *Conference* Associations have power, with the approval of the General Board of Managers, to undertake work in special fields, nominate their missionaries, and supervise their work. Their plans must be submitted to the General Executive Board for approval, because this Board exercises a careful supervision over all the affairs of the Society, and is the only responsible power for the judicious expenditure of the appropriations made by the Board of Managers.

The Constitution secures to the Conference Societies that individuality and responsibility essential to insure interest in the work and efficiency in its performance. The distribution of work intended by the Constitution and its appropriate supervision can not be secured without efficient organization in each Conference.

OUR OBLIGATION.

In reviewing the work of the past year, we are painfully impressed with the thought that our Society is not doing its full duty in the great work of saving the neglected people of our country for which it was specifically established. Our work has been organized only in a small portion of the Church, when there should have been a Home Missionary Society established in every place where Methodism has a home. We have received small collections from a few places when we should have had large returns from many, and donations might have been secured had the necessary means been employed to obtain them.

There is no lack of sympathy among the women of the Church in behalf of this home work, wherever the facts and arguments which appeal to us for aid are intelligently presented. There is no scarcity of intelligent Christian women in the Conferences to manage the work wisely

and successfully, when it is duly organized and they become thoroughly interested in it. But this great power for good will not become effective in many places unless an outside influence or agency be introduced to awaken interest and inspire effort. Women naturally shrink from public life, and many of the ablest and wisest will never engage in this or in any other good cause unless they are sought out, encouraged, and almost literally thrust into the work.

Many who have the ability, courage, and training to represent the work and organize auxiliaries are hindered by domestic duties and obligations. We have received many letters urging the Society to employ competent persons to present the claims of home missions, to visit the conferences and encourage organization in the charges. This once effected by such aid, the work could easily be held and strengthened.

In view of the urgency and importance of the claims of our Home Mission fields, and of the fact that the women of the Church are ready and willing to respond when the call comes to them, it becomes the duty of the Society, which has voluntarily assumed the solemn obligation of this work, to find the means to secure thorough organization throughout the Church, which alone can insure the success of this home mission work. God and the Church will certainly hold us responsible for the vigorous prosecution of this work, so greatly needed, so auspiciously commenced, and so early crowned with encouraging results.

### CONDITIONS CLAIMING WOMAN'S AID IN THIS COUNTRY.

There are in the South nearly 7,000,000 of colored people suffering from the disabilities resulting from centuries of servitude. There are more than twelve millions of white people in this section, hundreds of thousands of whom are in conditions scarcely superior to that of their dusky neighbors.

We have a population of more than five millions of Romanists. These exercise a controlling influence on the government and the civil and social institutions in a portion of our country, equal to half a dozen States. In these Territories the superstitious rites of pagan Indians, which compose a large part of the population, the symbols of Fetichism and fire worship and ceremonies from the service of Christ, are indiscriminately and profanely blended in their religious devotions. Among the Mexican populations no social odium attaches to those who are guilty of immorality and vice, and virtue is scarcely known among them.

Then there are the Indians and the Chinese in America, and the multitudes of ignorant and degraded people crowding the garrets and the cellars of our populous cities, too ready to become the tools of political demagogues. There are in our own land more than eight millions of foreigners, and a vast tide of immigration flows into our country, bringing hundreds of thousands every year, large numbers of whom are the dregs of the Old World. Many of these are contaminated with socialistic and communistic ideas, and have but little knowledge of or interest in our government and

institutions. Then there is Mormonism, aggressive, audacious, defying our government and the laws of God, and fastening itself with a giant's grip upon our Western frontiers, where, in the near future, a dozen States may be organized. And these classes include scarcely less than half of our population.

We are not surprised that a sagacious statesman on an important occasion, in the realization of the deep significance of these facts, said, "This is the crucial hour of the Republic and of our American Christianity."

Good seed was sown when the *Mayflower* landed that little colony on the rock-bound coast of New England. God planted this Nation, and an enlightened commonwealth has sprung from the seed. Tares have also been sown with the wheat, and the harvest will be sorrow and ruin if we neglect our duty, fold our arms in peace, and talk about the "progress of the ages," while we drift down the current to destruction. The testimony of all history proves that the natural tendency of human nature is downward. Only light divine and the principles of eternal right can illumine the path of life, and sustain either an individual or a nation in the struggle for a high and pure civilization.

With the extremes of prosperity and adversity becoming more and more clearly defined and antagonized, with Socialism and Communism and Mormonism and infidelity and Romanism pervading the whole social and governmental fabric, we can not hope that our Nation will escape the rocks upon which other nations have been wrecked, unless special effort is put forth to save it.

An able author says: "We speak of the East as educating the West and shaping the Nation's destiny; but it is as true that the West is shaping the East, and that to save or destroy it. The President from New England will be elected by votes cast in Utah and New Mexico, and by the people who sit under the shadow of Mount Shasta," as truly as by those who attend her schools, enjoy her culture, and bask in the light of her exalted privileges.

The population of New England has already in many places commenced a retrograde movement, while the population of the vast West is rapidly increasing by a mingled current of humanity flowing from all parts of the Old World. Among the nations of the earth India and China are comparatively stationary in populations, but ours doubles every twenty-five years, so, at that rate, in less than a hundred years hence we shall number 400,000,000, and 100,000,000 of them will be colored.

Whether this Nation shall then be governed by the theories of worldly policy or by the principles of eternal truth and justice, becomes to woman a question of most absorbing interest, as her elevation and happiness are identified with the triumphs of the cross of Christ.

There is no mission open to woman's effort, in view of the vastness of the field, the urgency of its culture, the fearful consequences of its neglect, the rich harvests that would reward her toil and sacrifice, comparable to the great work of saving this country for Christ as an agency in the salvation of the world.

# Reports of Conference Corresponding Secretaries.

## CENTRAL NEW YORK CONFERENCE.

It is with some degree of pleasure that we are enabled to report progress during the second year of our work, and we believe we are justified in promising a much larger increase next year than this.

Our work was well represented at the Conference anniversary, and very much interest and enthusiasm was manifested.

Our auxiliaries have increased from 5 to 9, with more than 200 subscribers for *Woman's Home Missions.*

Miss Lola Reynolds, the Corresponding Secretary of the auxiliary in Syracuse, has practically illustrated the fact that Home and Foreign Missions are one by marrying Dr. Swartz and sailing for Japan to engage in the Master's work there.

Her mother writes: "Of course I have a deeper interest in that foreign field; however, I have not lost my interest in the Home work, and am ready and willing to do all that I can."

We elected the usual number of officers at our annual meeting. (See page 112).

Mrs. H. F. Spencer,
*Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.*

## CENTRAL OHIO CONFERENCE.

The Central Ohio Conference has not a brilliant record to report, but it has been doing some good work which will bear fruit by and by. Its six districts are now well organized, with experienced Christian women in charge of the work. The Conference has—

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| Auxiliaries, | 17 | Annual members, | 428 |
| Churches contributing without organizations | 3 | Life members, | 5 |

Some of our auxiliaries have held a Thanksgiving day, and have found it exceedingly profitable. We believe it to be a feature which we can introduce permanently into our work with great profit. The annual meeting was held at Defiance, in connection with the session of the annual conference.

Delia L. Williams, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## DES MOINES CONFERENCE.

September 10, 1884, through the courtesy of the Des Moines Conference, a meeting was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Red Oak, in the interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Rev. C. L. Nye presided and conducted the devotional services, after which followed addresses by Mrs. Col. Springer, Rev. B. H. Badley, missionary from India, and Miss Libbie Pearson, Conference Secretary of Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Grateful acknowledgments are hereby tendered to Rev. C. L. Nye and Rev. W. B. Norton for special aid in perfecting the organization of a Des Moines Conference Society of sixteen members.

An auxiliary was also organized in Red Oak the following day, with encouraging prospects. This is the only auxiliary now existing in that Conference. Calls at the homes of several ladies, all strangers to me, made in the interests of the Home Missionary cause, secured an addition to my list of subscribers to our paper, making 22 in all that I obtained during my two days of active effort.

Mrs. Col. Springer.

The Corresponding Secretary of the same Conference also reports: I reached the Conference later in the session, and called a second meeting, having secured the assistance of Dr. Gray. After a short address by myself, Dr. Gray followed in an earnest and comprehensive address that thrilled all hearts. The result of this meeting must be very beneficial to the cause throughout the Conference. I believe the "open door" is now before the Society in this Conference, and though there are difficulties to be met and obstacles to be overcome, yet persistent, persevering effort will at last be crowned with success, and we hope that at no distant day all our Churches will be thoroughly organized for work in Home Mission fields.

MRS. M. F. BEAVERS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## DETROIT CONFERENCE.

THE Detroit Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society was organized September 20, 1884, during the session of the Detroit Conference at East Saginaw. Previous to its organization there had been an increased interest in the Woman's Home Missionary Society within the bounds of the Conference, consequent on a wider knowledge of its plans and aims.

During the year Societies have been organized at Central Church, Detroit, at Ann Arbor, and at Pontiac, representative cities of three distinct districts. A large number of Annual Reports have been circulated, and many tracts, addresses, and leaflets distributed. The Society at Ann Arbor has sent boxes of clothing and bedding, valued at over three hundred dollars, to ministers' families in the northern districts of our Conference, and has also rendered substantial pecuniary aid in organizing the Societies in other places. It enters upon a new year with added zeal and plans for extensive work. The auxiliaries at Detroit and Pontiac, although recently organized, are full of zeal and good works, and will be centers of missionary activity in their respective districts.

The heavy burdens borne by the ministers laboring in the northern or frontier districts of this Conference have appealed earnestly to our sympathies; and while much has been done by a few Churches to aid in relieving them, there has been no organization adequate to the needs of the work. A large part of the territory of the Detroit Conference is missionary ground. It embraces within its bounds a newly settled country, rich in resources, but only just beginning to be developed; the climate is rigorous, and a large part of the region has been twice devastated by forest fires, leaving the already poor communities in most distressing circumstances in many instances. The inhabitants are largely foreign, and have come to us with the habits and standard of morality of the lower classes in Europe. Furthermore, large Indian reservations come within the bounds of the Detroit Conference. It is in the highest degree necessary that in these frontier regions our Churches should be nobly sustained. The morality of our commonwealth demands this. Our holy religion requires this at our hands.

The Conference has sent men into these regions as pastors and missionaries, to save the people to the Church. It has promised them aid in the poorest districts, but so heavy are the demands upon it, and so insufficient the organization hitherto engaged in the work, that the relief offered has been utterly inadequate to insure the families of our frontier ministers from extreme destitution and much suffering. It is not necessary for me to depict the sacrifices of the noble women who accompany their husbands into these fields of labor. They are well known to us all, and appeal to our warmest sympathies. Work in the foreign missionary field does not entail, in many respects, one half the privations suffered by the heroic workers who go upon the frontier, receiving, as they often do, but the merest pittance, and enduring, ofttimes, absolute physical want.

We feel that for this year at least our Home Missionary work lies within the borders of our own Conference, and we have pledged our

efforts, conditioned upon the consent of the parent Woman's Home Missionary Society, to this end. The Detroit Conference welcomes us warmly as fellow-workers, and we are confident that if we relieve the pressing needs of our frontier work for the near future, we shall win the earnest sympathy of the whole Conference, and succeed in establishing strong organizations throughout its bounds, which will by and by be able to do effectual work far beyond the limits of our Conference and State.

We now have a complete Conference organization, efficiently officered and harmoniously working with the other departments of Church activity. A deep interest is felt not only in our frontier work, but in the whole great field of the Woman's Home Missionary Society; and during the coming winter we shall go forward with courage and zeal in organizing auxiliaries in the different districts of our Conference.

MRS. HENRY WADE ROGERS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

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## ERIE CONFERENCE.

THE progress made during the past year and the present condition of the work are exhibited by the following statements:

### ORGANIZATIONS.

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| Total number Auxiliaries, | 17 | Increase, | 3 |
| " " Young People's and Juv. Soc., | 13 | " | 7 |
| " " Organizations, | 30 | " | 10 |

### MEMBERSHIP.

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| *Auxiliaries:* | | | |
| Total number life members, | 15 | Increase, | 4 |
| " " An. " | 350 | " | 53 |
| Total, | 365 | " | 57 |
| *Young People's and Juvenile Societies:* | | | |
| Total number members, | 273 | Increase, | 174 |
| Grand total membership, | 638 | " | 231 |
| *New Life Members.* | | | 4 |
| *Woman's Home Missions:* | | | |
| Total number copies taken, | | | 294 |

This paper was warmly welcomed in our Conference, and it is constantly increasing in favor.

The full financial report will be found in the report of the Treasurer.

The *Mite Boxes* too were greeted gladly, and are already utilized in many ways for increasing contributions. In accordance with a new By-law made by the auxiliaries, the holders of Mite Boxes who promise to pay the contents (be that much or little) to the treasurers of these societies, quarterly or semi-annually, are made *Associate Members* of the Society, and are duly recognized.

The *Local Department* of the Society, under charge and control of the auxiliary, has been found to be, wherever tested, a wise expedient.

The *Young People's and Juvenile Societies*, including both young ladies and gentlemen and girls and boys, have increased in number and effectiveness. Much self-denial and patient perseverance under difficulties are practiced by these dear youthful workers, and their cheerful spirit in their work is most admirable.

The work in *Auxiliaries* has shown much improvement in methods and promptness. A loving spirit towards the Woman's Foreign Missionary, and cordial co-operation with it, continue to prevail.

Our Society entered upon this year with plans for largely extending

the work, and with bright hopes of doubling the contributions of the previous year. The fulfillment of these has been denied us: but with humble gratitude we have brought our small offering and laid it at Jesus's feet, comforted that He knows we have done what we could. We are not discouraged. "In God we trust."

At the anniversary meeting, held during the session of the Annual Conference, the large audience and the hearty response made to the eloquent appeal by Rev. P. A. H. Franklin gave indication of the fast hold which the Woman's Home Missionary Society has taken upon the hearts of ministers and people.

The Annual Executive meeting, held at Conference also, was well attended by Auxiliary officers, and eleven of the sixteen Conference Society's officers were present. The renewed consecration and earnest resolves of all betokened a cheering future. Again we have set up our *Ebenezer.* MRS. C. V. CULVER, *Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.*

## EAST OHIO CONFERENCE.

WE are able to record a moderate degree of prosperity for the year that is closing. The lack of organization has, as in the past, greatly hindered us. We have not been able to lay our hands upon women who could leave their homes to go out to do this work. Miss Ella J. Betts has been organizing during a short time, and Mrs. W. H. Wilson is also engaged to organize for the year to come, so that we hope for rapid growth the coming year.

We had a very interesting meeting at the session of our Annual Conference at Youngstown, at which time the officers of our Society were elected. (See page 114.)

We have looked forward with great expectations to the Annual Meeting, to be held within our bounds. Our expectations have been met.

The infant born at Cincinnati four years ago was a healthy child, well grown and strong, out of her cradle, out of her entangling long-clothes, and was declared by her nurses to be able to travel. So her first trip out was to Cleveland, and she proved to be a child of such winning grace that she captivated all hearts. Her voice was very sweet as she told us of the needs of this wonderful land of ours; her eyes were bright, seeming to look into the comfortless cabins of the South, the dreary wigwams of the West, and the harems of Utah, and her manner was gracious, making it seem so easy and reasonable that a great, rich, Christian Church should reach down and lift up the degraded and ignorant poor of our own land. Mothers came indifferent, and went away converted. Young ladies said, "What can we do?" Wise men poured out their treasures at her feet, and her conquest was complete.

It is safe now to say that Cleveland Methodism is committed to Home Missions, and we confidently expect the influence to be felt throughout the entire Conference. MRS. J. B. CORY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## IOWA CONFERENCE.

THE first Auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Iowa Conference was organized at the Methodist Episcopal Church, in Muscatine, by Mrs. Col. Springer, Sunday morning, September 9, 1883, with twenty members. The result of that effort was $36.10, reported at Conference, September 8, 1884, and a Juvenile Society begun. And as the Secretary read, "Home Missions, total, $36.10; increase from last year, $36.10," full recompense was vouchsafed unto me for not hearing Bishop Simpson's wonderful sermon, since the self-denial had started a mission work in *one city, even,* that *may* abide for aye.

An afternoon service was held, September 8, 1884, in the church at Ottumwa, and, after a prayer by Mrs. Murphy and an address by Mrs.

Springer, Mrs. Murphy read the resolutions adopted by this Conference last year, delaring that the "time therein spoken of had now come, and we could not longer rightfully delay to organize such a Society." Accordingly, a Conference Society was formed by the election of the required officers. (See page 114.)

I am under special obligations to Mrs. Dr. Thrall for presiding through the meeting and business session, and to Mrs. Kemble for serving as Secretary.

No collection was taken, as an effort to raise $6,000 for the Iowa Wesleyan University debt precluded any other contributions. Seven subscribers were obtained for *Home Missions*. Muscatine has generously offered to provide for a needy missionary's family on the frontiers.

Initiatory steps were also taken towards the formation of an Auxiliary at Ottumwa. MRS. COL. SPRINGER, *in behalf of W. H. M. S.*

## MICHIGAN CONFERENCE.

WE of the Michigan Conference have been long engaged in foundation building. But as they who build slowly usually build surely, we trust, when our superstructure is fairly up, we may, for strength, symmetry, and endurance, compete with our older sisters of more rapid growth.

Our former Conference Secretary, Miss Anna M. Doust—who served us so faithfully and efficiently, though under great embarrassments—last year declined re-election, and your present Secretary has but just put her hand to the great work opening before her on every side. The wants of the suffering and the cries of the needy *everywhere* greet the eye and ear, so that one sighs for the "wealth of the Indies," the wisdom of Solomon, the love and faith of our blessed Christ, that she may *give* bountifully, minister wisely, and with loving hopefulness care for these "little ones" of our Father.

From Miss Doust's annual report I extract the following statistics:

Coldwater District has one Auxiliary at Coldwater. No report.

Albion District, two Auxiliaries; two boxes of clothing sent from Tekonsha to the North, value, $50.00.

On Kalamazoo District there is a growing sentiment in favor of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which found expression in Kalamazoo, in September, by the organization of a live Auxiliary with twenty-three members to start with, and I have no doubt there will be added daily such as are interested in this work. Two boxes of clothing have been sent from this Society, which, with $10.00 in money, were valued at $100.00; Plainwell, 1 box, $50.00; Martin, 1 box, $50.00; Galesburg, 1 box, $25.00; Climax, 1 box, $25.00. Total from Kalamazoo District, $250.00.

Ionia District: three Societies—one at Greenville, one at Portland, one at Ionia. Greenville sent one box valued at $50.00, cash $3.00; Portland, cash, $24.88. Total from Ionia District, $77.88.

Grand total from Michigan Conference, in boxes and money, $377.88.

You will see nearly all the work done in our Conference so far has been for the homes of our brethren in the north of Michigan, who are patiently toiling for the coming kingdom of our Christ in the midst of *embarrassments* and *privations* that we, in our more favored localities, know nothing of. Such letters as these come to me from the Presiding Elder of a north district: "One of my preachers has been doing his work, up till this time (February, 1884), bravely and uncomplainingly enduring the rigors of these northern Winters, without an overcoat, and having only a thin alpaca coat. The family are also in great need. Can't you do something for them?" Another writes: "One of my ministers is in great sorrow. One child lies dead in his home from diphtheria, while the mother and another child lie very sick from the same dread disease, and they are absolutely without proper food, sufficient clothing, or money to bury their dead out

of their sight." When such and many similiar appeals come, not only from our *common* brotherhood, but from brethren united by the sacred tie of the ministry, what wonder that we beg the privilege of responding to these calls?

Rev. John R. Robinson, one of our Indian preachers, said at our Conference meeting: "Dear sisters, don't throw *any thing* away that has *warmth* or *comfort* in it; it will help our poor Indian people. Don't throw away your husband's *boot-tops*, but put them in a box and send to us, and my people will make moccasins of them!"

An appeal was also made by the Presiding Elder of Grand Traverse District for the families, not only of our own ministers, but of many of our members. These are but glimpses of the condition of our friends in the North, for whom our sympathies have been enlisted.

Our Conference granted us an anniversary on Thursday P. M. We found ourselves without any of the greater lights of our Society, so the lesser lights shone with greater brilliancy. We called to our aid Dr. J. M. Reid, who eloquently portrayed before us the wants of the South, of Utah, and of the Indians. Rev. A. J. Eldred followed, enthusiastically pressing the claims of the North. At the close of the anniversary exercises, a meeting of the ladies was called for the purpose of organizing a Conference Society. This was done by the election of a full corps of officers. Our Conference Barque is now fairly launched upon the sea of work, and we are ready to take the oars, and, side by side with you, pull for the eternal shore, where all wants are satisfied in Christ. Dear sisters, will you grant our petition—the privilege of working for the needy of our Church in the North—and give us credit on the books of the general Treasurer for the amount raised, the same as if the money had been sent to Utah or the South?

MRS. W. J. ALDRICH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

"HOPE deferred maketh the heart sick." When one has reached the "thus far" of one's possibilities, *then* to record nothing, is the acutest pain of deferred hope. The session of the Nebraska Conference at which I was appointed Conference Secretary I attended when *en route* to the annual meeting of the Home Missionary Society. On adjournment of the Annual Meeting, I went East in the interests of our Utah Department, and did not return to Nebraska till Christmas eve.

On New Year's Day I was taken violently ill. For many weeks my life was in great jeopardy, and not until the middle of March was I able to leave my room. In the month of April I went to Utah, and did not reach my home again till June. During this month my daughter was very ill. In July I met with the accident which has nearly cost me my life, and which keeps me still a prisoner in my own room.

*En route* home from Utah I organized a good society at Kearney, and later visited Plattsmouth and left a society in embryo. I have mailed a copy of the Annual Report and copies of "Home Missions" to every member of the Conference. I prepared a general statement of the plans and interests of the Home Missionary Society, with a *résumé* of the work of the Conference Missionary, Mrs. Spurlock, in Salt Lake City, which paper was read in the Conference session. A standing committee was appointed and appropriate resolutions were passed.

Thus endeth the record. The "might have been" awaits the "to be." I see not a step before me. My hands are too frail to measure the divining rod of the Omnipotent. His purpose concerning me I know not. Touching *this work*, I know His *kingdom shall come.*

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ANGIE F. NEWMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

Since closing this report, I receive statement of an auxiliary organized at Valparaiso, by Mrs. E. M. Cooley, and $10 sent the Treasurer. A. F. N.

## NEWARK CONFERENCE.

As in the days of the Temperance Crusade, the women of the East were roused to action by their sisters in Ohio, so in these later days has God again spoken to us through them, in behalf of the suffering and degraded women and children of our own beloved country.

The claims of the Woman's Home Missionary Society were first presented to the Newark Conference, during its session in 1881, by Mrs. Dr. Rust and Bishop Wiley. A Conference Secretary was suggested, but no further action taken. In 1883 the Conference was again addressed by Mrs. Rust and Bishop Warren, and again the Conference failed to indorse this Society. So, in consequence of the combined obstacles of prejudice, indifference, and ignorance, as well as a lack of competent and zealous leaders, this plant of Western origin has thrived but poorly in our Eastern clime.

To Mrs. B. F. Ham, of Westfield, N. J., belongs the honor of being the pioneer organizer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Newark Conference. Having had her heart aroused to the needs of the Mormon women by a visit to Utah, Mrs. Ham and a zealous band of women in her own church have been steadily working through their own auxiliary for several years. During the past year the Westfield Auxiliary has contributed $50, and sent one box of supplies valued at $30 to one of our home missionaries, and has another box of greater value about ready for shipment.

At Elizabeth, N. J., the home of our missionary at Savannah, Mrs. Lewis, though no auxiliary has been organized, much interest has been awakened in behalf of the Savannah school. Money has been contributed and gifts forwarded to the scholars of Mrs. Lewis.

During the past year the ladies of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of Montclair, N. J., applied to Mrs. Whetstone for the care of a minister's family on the frontier. A family consisting of a missionary, wife, and seven children, was assigned to them, and articles for their personal comfort have already been sent to them valued at $100. The Secretary reports: "We are becoming very much interested in our family, and find them very pleasant and thankful for our kindness to them."

The ladies of the Cross Street Methodist Episcopal Church, of Paterson, N. J., organized a Woman's Missionary Society in their church in September, 1883, auxiliary to the Woman's Home and the Woman's Foreign Missionary Societies of our denomination. At the close of the Conference year in March, 1884, $25 was forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which was one-half of the proceeds of their mite boxes.

A similar society has been organized in the West Side Avenue Methodist Episcopal Church, of Jersey City, N. J. Ten dollars have been paid to the Woman's Home Missionary Society since April. Ten dollars have been raised by the young people in behalf of the Savannah fund, and the Society has assumed the care of a minister's family in the Montana Mission, and has a box of supplies about ready to forward.

The members of Trinity Methodist Episcopal Church, of Newark, N. J., have for a number of years past been providing for the education of a Chinese girl in the Mission School of Rev. Dr. Gibson, on the Pacific coast.

On the 20th of last January, our beloved "Mother Hill," of Trinity Church, and of national reputation as a temperance worker, entered upon her glorious reward. One of her last acts was to dictate an addition to her will, giving $125 for the support of a Bible reader in Dr. Gibson's Mission for the coming year.

Our Eastern cities are being rapidly filled by the ignorant and degraded classes that are thronging to our shores from all the nations of the world. We must begin organized home missionary work in self-defense, or intemperance and Sabbath desecration will blight our cities with a fearful curse.

We have faith in the women of the East, and believe that when the broad aims of the Woman's Home Missionary Society are fully understood they will give their full quota of time, money, and influence toward the conquest of this entire nation for Christ.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE.

We feel encouraged by the action of the late General Conference to push the work more vigorously in the New England Conference. We also find the people more ready to admit the claims of our Society. The interest throughout the Conference has been increasing during the year. We have a more thorough Conference organization than ever before, and our members have a disposition to work.

Unusual activity also exists in some of the auxiliaries. Meetings are held regularly every month, and sometimes semi-monthly. The Lowell auxiliary has been holding its meetings monthly, in connection with the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society. Lynn Common and Malden have been most successful in securing members, and subscribers to *Woman's Home Missions.* The Worcester auxiliary has developed great activity in sending supplies, under the efficient leadership of Mrs. H. C. Gratan, who is our agent for supplies. This auxiliary has also received a donation of $100 for the purpose of furnishing a parlor in the Savannah Home.

The Young Ladies' Band at Watertown numbers 31. They worked one year without an organization. They call themselves the Golden Rule Mission Band, and are doing efficient work. A Thanksgiving offering festival has just been held, by means of which sufficient dried and canned fruits and other edibles were obtained to fill a barrel, which will be sent to some missionary in the West.

Temple St., Boston, has no auxiliary, but some interested ladies contribute something every year for the Woman's Home Missionary Society. This year they have filled a card for the Savannah Home, amounting to $10.

A very successful Conference anniversary was held April 8th in St. Paul's Church, Lynn, when addresses were made by Rev. A. A. Wright and Rev. V. A. Cooper. An excellent report was given by the Conference Secretary, and a paper was read by the Recording Secretary.

Our annual meeting was held June 2d, in Bromfield Street Church, Boston. It was also an enthusiastic and successful meeting. It was addressed by Rev. Mr. Cushman, of New Orleans, and Rev. C. P. Lyford. Among the resolutions passed were the following:

*Resolved*, 1. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the New England Annual Conference recognize with gratitude the action of the late General Conference in adopting the Woman's Home Missionary Society as one of its benevolent and evangelizing agencies, accepting its constitution and placing the Society in the Methodist Episcopal Church, on the same plane as its other great Societies.

2. That the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the New England Conference greatly appreciates the services of Mrs. Susan B. Holway, who from its organization has been its President. We hereby tender to her our sincere thanks for her devotion to its work, faithful attendance on its business meetings, and her generous support of its benevolent work. As a slight token of our appreciation we hereby make her a life member by the payment of $20.

3. That we regret the necessity which compels her to decline re-election; and she retires from the office followed by our prayers.

4. That the thanks of the Woman's Home Missionery Society of the New England Conference are hereby extended to Mrs. H. C. Gratan, our retiring Corresponding Secretary. Taking this laborious office at the organization of the Society, when every thing was to be done, we are greatly

indebted to her for the steady development and present efficiency of the work.

5. That we greatly regret the necessity which compels her to lay aside the arduous duties of this office, but rejoice to know that her heart is still deeply interested in the prosperity of the Society. We thank Sister Gratan for her noble effort in making our President a life member, and for all her generosity during her term of office.

A public meeting was held during the week of camp-meeting at Asbury Grove, the interest and profit of which were greatly increased by the unexpected appearance of Mrs. Dr. Rust and Mrs. Dr. Brown, of Cincinnati. Many ladies went home from that meeting with a new interest in our Society, which we hope will result in the organization of some new auxiliaries. We have at present:

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| Auxiliaries, | 10 | Young Ladies' Auxiliary, | 1 |
| Children's Bands, | 1 | No. of members, | 385 |
| No. of life members, | 22 | Honorary Patrons, | 1 |

A. W. JOHNSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## NEW ENGLAND SOUTHERN CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of the New England Southern Conference was organized by Mrs. R. S. Rust, April, 1883. Considerable preliminary work had been done by the Corresponding Secretary, who had previously been appointed by the Conference. This work consisted in the circulation of leaflets, annual reports, circulars and printed addresses, letters, and in conversations.

During the past year, the Corresponding Secretary has made public appeals in the interest of the cause at different places. Bishop Wm. Taylor spoke for us at Willimantic Camp-meeting, and Bishop Mallalieu was engaged for a day at Martha's Vineyard. Brethren of our own Conference did valiant work for us at our meeting at Yarmouth Camp-ground.

We are inaugurating the work, as far as we are able, all over the Conference. Several new societies have been formed during the year, and several more are in a formative state.

The nature and importance of the work is better understood than ever before, and some of the ladies of our Churches, who have not seen the necessity of our existence hitherto, have acknowledged their error, and have joined with us.

Our outlook is hopeful; and, knowing that the world's work is done by the few, and that the leaders of fashion never grow weary in their exacting rounds of pleasure, we, like Solomen's wise woman, will gird ourselves with strength, and strengthen our arms in the Lord's work; and with our "cruse of salt" we will seek out all bitter springs of waters, and in the name of the Lord these fountains shall be healed, and shall bubble forth sweet and refreshing waters.

MRS. SARAH A. MATHER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## NORTH NEBRASKA CONFERENCE.

As Secretary for this Conference, the work accomplished personally is easily told. I have mailed a copy of the Annual Report and copies of *Home Missions* to every member of the Conference. I wrote the chairman of the General Missionary Committee, and asked that the Conference provide a standing Committee on Woman's Home Missions; that this Committee draft resolutions indorsing our work, and make provision for its representation at the Missionary Anniversary.

Mrs. Col. Springer, of Iowa, attended the session of the Conference, and organized a Conference Society and an auxiliary at Blair. Beyond this, by the eloquence of her own enthusiasm, she communicated an

impulse to Home Missionary sentiment and activity which *must* yield fruitage. The Western Conferences have long anticipated the Home Missionary Society. Their sympathy is genuine, and co-operation is certain. An organizer is the need.

MRS. ANGIE F. NEWMAN, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## NORTH INDIANA CONFERENCE.

OUR organizations are mostly among the children. We have three quite active Bands—one at Red Key, another at Knightstown, and a third at Fort Wayne.

We hope to have the grown people become more interested in the cause, now that Mrs. Willing is going among the people to plead its merits.

The Red Key Band has 18 members, has contributed $5, and is filling a box to send away. Fort Wayne Band has 19 members, and has contributed $28.76. Knightstown Band has 8 members, and the money sent in thus far amounts to $1.35.

We hope to do better things next year.

LUCY E. ROBINSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## NORTH OHIO CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of the North Ohio Conference, in closing the fourth year of its history, may gratefully review the past and hopefully look into the future. The Conference meeting held in Wellington, June 5th and 6th, was well attended, and its business thoroughly transacted. A number of interesting papers were presented, and the harmony and zeal that prevailed gave great promise of success. Four out of six Districts are represented by efficient Vice-Presidents or Managers, and throughout the whole Conference healthy auxiliaries are springing up. A number of copies of *Home Missions* are taken, and the intelligent zeal of the readers attests its worth.

At the late session of the Annual Conference, at Tiffin, a meeting was held in the interests of the Society which was ably addressed by Mrs. Rust and Miss Betts.

Our Industrial Home work has been presented to the various auxiliaries by the President, Mrs. H. C. Hedges, and there has been a generous response in supplies and money. The Society has been remembered in legacies by Mrs. Harriet Still, of Wooster, and Mrs. Marshall, of Rochester. A detailed report of moneys and supplies contributed throughout the Conference will be found in the Treasurer's report.

MRS. G. A. HUGHES, *Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer.*

## NORTH-WEST GERMAN CONFERENCE.

IT is a real satisfaction to present the appended resolutions, so heartily adopted by this most intelligent Conference at their last session, October 6, 1884; and no more pleasant welcome could have been extended by our beloved Bishop Ninde and these brethren to the work and the worker. I was invited to give an address in the interests of our Woman's Home Missionary Society, at the Missionary Anniversary, Sunday evening, October 5th; and, though it was impossible to solicit members for a Conference Society, or take any collection, as it was the occasion for the annual gift to the General Mission Fund, still there was an adoption of a Conference Society by a hearty vote, and the Committee expressed their appreciation of our organization as hereby given:

"*Resolved*, 1. That, as a Conference, we are highly pleased to have Mrs. Col. Springer representing said Society in our midst.

"2. That we approve of the enterprise, and pledge ourselves to aid the ladies in organizing this work.

"3. That the Presiding Elders be made a Committee to act with the Corresponding Secretary and Executive Board in securing officers for this Conference Society.

"T. K. WELLEMEYER, *Chairman.*
"C. C. MILLER, *Secretary.*"

Eighteen subscribers were secured for our paper, and Mrs. E. Uhl, wife of President Uhl, of Galena College, and Mrs. Rev. Klaus, of Colesburg, Ia., gave me their names as the beginning of a Conference Society.

MRS. COL. SPRINGER, *for the W. H. M. S.*

## NORTH-WEST IOWA CONFERENCE.

AFTER a presentation of our Woman's Home Missionary work to this Conference by Mrs. Col. Springer, September 29, 1883, the following resolution was adopted:

"*Resolved.* That the Woman's Home Missionary Society, having for its object the evangelization of the women in the most benighted portions of our country, and the rescue and elevation of the poor unfortunates of our great cities, meets with our indorsement, and shall have our substantial support."

That afternoon a Society of eleven members was organized. The first Auxiliary in this Conference was formed at Cherokee, by Mrs. Springer, September 30, 1883, of eighteen members, on Sabbath morning; and in the evening she read the report of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Dr. Rust, to a deeply interested audience.

Sitting in the Conference Room, September 25, 1884, and hearing the Conference Secretary read "Woman's Home Missionary Society, Cherokee, $24," another recompense to life's toils was vouchsafed. Our Anniversary occurred Wednesday evening, September 24th, in the Methodist Episcopal Church, Spirit Lake, where a crowded house attested the interest in this blessed department of philanthropic work. Rev. A. Jamieson presided most efficiently, and excellent addresses were given by Rev. S. P. Marsh and Rev. F. A. Burdick. Mrs. Springer followed, bringing her mile-stone for this Conference in her report, as follows:

Organized a Society, July 6th, at Rock Rapids, of 50 members; July 13th, at Sheldon, of 20; September 18th, at Le Mars, of 14; September 21st, at Sioux Falls (Dakota), of 23; with Rev. W. W. Brown's Society, at Sergeant's Bluffs, of over 30. Total, 6 Societies, over 160 members, and over $50.

The Conference collection for Woman's Home Missionary Society was $10, the largest I have ever taken. Arthur Miller, three years of age, is a "Mother's jewel." At Sheldon, one bright little fellow of seven came to me after the service, with great enthusiasm, saying: "*I must be a Woman's Home Missionary Society.*" Of course, I could but kiss the beautiful boy.

Immediately succeeding the Anniversary was the business meeting, greatly aided by the ministerial brethren. Special thanks are due, not only to the speakers, but also to Rev. A. Jamieson, Rev. F. H Sanderson, and others. For names of officers, see page 117.

Fifteen names were secured for this Conference Society over and above the auxiliary members, and seventeen subscribers for our paper.

MRS. COL. SPRINGER, *in behalf of W. H. M. S.*

## OHIO CONFERENCE.

THE Ohio Conference Organization, owing to adverse circumstances, has not prospered during the past year, as we confidently hoped it would. When the work began to unfold with encouraging prospect, a destructive flood swept across a large portion of its territory, which at the time partially paralyzed any attempt at organization, and caused public interest to center in the immediate relief of the sufferers.

Our Annual Executive Meeting was held in Wesley Chapel, Columbus, May 6th. The meeting at Lancaster Camp-ground was a large and enthusiastic one. Addresses were made by Mrs. E. Tuttle, of the Society of Friends, and Mrs. L. D. McCabe, of Delaware. At the anniversary of the late Annual Conference Mrs. R. S. Rust and Dr. Hartzell presented the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. They met with ready sympathy, responsive hearts, and the promise of a speedy organization.

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| Present number of Auxiliaries, | 19 | Increase, | 4 |
| Young Ladies' Societies, | 2 | | |
| Total number of Organizations, | 21 | " | 6 |
| " " " Life Members, | 14 | " | 10 |
| " " " Honorary Managers, | 2 | | |
| " " " Annual Members, | 435 | " | 78 |
| Total membership, | 451 | | |

Three of the twenty-one organizations were organized within the past month.

The subscribers to the *Home Missions* exceed two hundred.

A full financial statement of the work done by this Conference is found in the Treasurer's Report.

MRS. A. M. BRUSH, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## PHILADELPHIA CONFERENCE.

THE Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Philadelphia Conference is of but infantile proportions. The object and work of the Society were brought before the Conference at its session in the Spring of 1883. It was indorsed with considerable unanimity. It has been growing, like all large undertakings, slowly but surely. Like an exotic plant, it had to be protected and guarded from the frosts of older and stronger organizations till it became acclimated; and it bloomed out beautifully fair, we thought, at the session of the General Conference held in our city during the month of May. Under the auspices and with the assistance of several ladies of the Executive Board at Cincinnati, a grand mass-meeting was held in the Arch Street Church. The attendance numbered thousands, and the subscriptions were large. Presided over by Mrs. R. B. Hayes, whom all delighted to honor, the meeting was in every way a success. We believe the impetus we have received from this demonstration will tell upon our success during the coming year.

A new auxiliary has been formed during the last quarter, to which thirty gave their names, and from which a box is to be sent soon. It is the East Montgomery Avenue Auxiliary. At our monthly meeting we resolved to send a box in the name of the Managers of the Philadelphia Society, but we afterwards amended by resolving to influence each of the auxiliaries we represented, and have a box sent from each.

We pray and trust that all the work of next year will multiply even unto seventy times seven. Great interest has been taken in securing new subscribers for the *Woman's Home Mission*, and some thirty-seven names of new subscribers have been forwarded within the last half-year.

The Juvenile Society of Haines Street Church report a membership of eleven, with $25 sent to help educate a minister's daughter, and also a box valued at $50.

MRS. C. W. BICKLEY, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## PITTSBURG CONFERENCE.

A WOMAN'S Home Missionary Society of the Pittsburg Conference was organized in Christ's Church June 6, 1884, with an efficient corps of general officers. (See page 118.)

Since the organization three regular meetings and a special one have

been held. The Treasurer's report shows over $130 received up to the present date. In July a barrel of clothing, valued at $50, was sent to a missionary at Broken Bow.

Twenty-seven subscribers to the *Home Missions* have been obtained, and we are making an effort to circulate this paper as widely as possible, so that the women of our Church may become familiar with the work of the Society. We think that the interest in this branch of Christian work is deepening constantly in our Churches; and when we consider that it has been organized in our Conference but little more than five months, we are encouraged to go forward, praying for renewed consecration to the work of saving our own beloved land.

MRS. H. C. DICKINSON, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## SOUTH-EAST INDIANA CONFERENCE.

THE work of the Home Missionary Society in the South-east Indiana Conference has been steadily moving forward, slowly but surely. The auxiliaries have been prompt with their quarterly reports. The visit of Rev. Mr. Franklin, of Utah, to some of our Churches aroused interest and kindled enthusiasm that had not been felt before.

The meeting at Seymour during the session of our last Annual Conference was one of deep interest, and the address of Mrs. Rust produced a profound impression for good, which I trust will not pass without blessed and permanent fruits. The work is the Lord's, and trusting in him, we go forward.

C. S. CHAFEE, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## UPPER IOWA CONFERENCE.

FOR the last two years I have been so powerfully impressed with the need of almost herculean deeds in the organization of our Society that I have tried to perform my part of them, and the self-imposed burdens, added to the missionary plans laid out from childhood, have become so oppressive that with woman's tact I have been trying to devise a way of escape from further responsibility. But as yet only the alternative of going to Europe or going to heaven seems to be presented.

While I have asked no one to follow my example, and give up a term in an academy for last Fall and this, thereby relinquishing one-third of her yearly income, and causing somewhat of annoyance to students, or to leave home at very inconvenient seasons, with the distinct understanding that only the recompense of a good conscience will be obtained, I am *disappointed* that my request for each "to please organize one auxiliary during the year" has failed. But, though no sister of abundant means has given us this needed help, one minister of the North-west Iowa Conference became so much interested at our meeting in Des Moines one year ago that he organized a Society in his Church, and this year reported to me a membership of more than thirty, and eight dollars in cash receipts. But who ever heard of a discouraged New England woman? And since I have met many truly noble Church workers, ready to take any and every place in local societies, who have proffered the most encouraging words of sympathy and help, I have great faith that our general Treasurer will hear, by drafts, during the coming year from various parts of the State of Iowa in which I have not presented the work.

As it is customary at all great gatherings of Christian workers to have some leading subject for consideration and prayer, were it not for a need so apparently incongruous, I should like to ask the prayers of this assembly for those women scattered through the length and breadth of the land who can not spend a half-hour or an hour each month to serve as Secretary or Treasurer of a little local Society, while those interested are expected to work miracles daily with the voice and pen, notwithstanding the duties of the school-room, the kitchen, and of social life are heavy upon them.

The year's record begins with my Christmas gift to the Woman's Home Missionary Society. December 23d, after an address in the Methodist Episcopal Church at Marion, I organized a Society of 83 members; May 11th, one at the Cedar Falls Circuit Church of 12 members, and one at Cedar Falls City Church of 12 members; July 6th, one at Rock Rapids of 50 members; July 13th, one at Sheldon of 20 members; July 20th, one at Hopkinton of 33 members, and one at Sand Springs (four miles distant, mercury among the nineties) of 28 members; August 3d, one at Preston of 12 members, and at Vernon Prairie (three miles distant) of 12 members; August 4th, one at Delmar Junction (terribly rainy Monday night) of 11 members; August 31st, one at Monticello of 13 members; September 8th, organized the Iowa Conference Society at Ottumwa. The prescribed officers for each Society were formally elected, and many of them, in private conversation, promised me that they would give their best service to the work. September 10th, organized the Des Moines Conference Society of 16 members at Red Oak, and the next day secured a local organization in the Church of that city; September 13th, organized the North Nebraska Conference Society at Blair, of 22 members; September 15th, formed an auxiliary at Blair City, and one at Fremont of 12 members; September 18th, one at Le Mars of 14 members; September 21st, one at Sioux Falls, Dakota, of 23 members; September 22d, at Spirit Lake, held the anniversary of the North-west Iowa Conference Society; September 30th, formed an auxiliary at Mason City of 20 members.

On October 3d the anniversary of the Upper Iowa Conference Society was held, which was followed by a business session, at which the officers for the ensuing year were elected. (See page 119.) Rev. Dr. A. J. Kynett, Rev. J. Bowman, and Rev. S. Van Ness rendered very efficient service by their helpful words and eloquent addresses. Mrs. Dr. Brush, the former beloved President, had removed to Dakota, but she did not forget her annual gift to our Society. The faithful services of the Treasurer, Mrs. M. W. Porter, and of the Recording Secretary, Mrs. J. S. Van Ness, for the last two years have been highly appreciated. But in order that the heavier burden might be placed on the one less burdened, and on one not subject to professional calls, justice required an exchange of work between these officers, and accordingly the exchange of office was made.

Sunday evening, October 7th, by invitation, I presented the cause to the North-west German Conference at Charles City, and Monday evening, October 8th, at Strawberry Point, went alone from the depot to the church, in the rain, gave address, secured two members for a Society, and also a small collection.

And now I bring for my sheaves at this "harvest home" 3 new Conference Societies of over 45 members; 18 new auxiliaries of 370 members; Rev. W. W. Brown's Society of over 30 members, together with twelve organizations of the past years, supposed to be in vigorous operation, and numbering 357 members—a total aggregate of over 30 Societies and over 800 members, and over 230 subscribers for *Home Missions*. In the accomplishment of this I have written 200 letters and postals, and have traveled more than 2,300 miles.

MRS. COL. CHARLES SPRINGER, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## VERMONT CONFERENCE.

THE first entire year of work in the interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society has not been in vain in Vermont, though we regret that no more has been done. This Conference is small in numbers and poor in means. My last five dollars came from an invalid lady, who wrote that she had given up the flannel wrapper she promised herself, and would cast this bit thereby saved into the Lord's treasury.

Our children earn their pennies slowly and with difficulty, but gladly have they given at my call. In April, at our Conference session, we held

our first regular meeting as a Society. The people seemed anxious to hear of the work, and thirty-four members were enrolled at once.

Just previous to this the ladies at Montpelier organized, and now have twenty members. In May a Juvenile Band was organized at Wilmington. It now is divided into two bands, the *little* girls naming themselves "Buds of Promise."

In June, at the Central Vermont Camp-meeting a pleasant and profitable meeting was held, followed in August by a similar meeting at the Claremont District Camp-meeting. An auxiliary of twenty members, to be known as the St. Johnsbury District Auxiliary, was organized at the Lyndon Camp-meeting.

The two Juvenile Bands organized last year remain in good working order, with a steady increase of numbers. Three quite valuable boxes have been sent, while others are to be forwarded before Thanksgiving. Childrens' papers have been generously donated to be sent to our sister schools. A comparatively large number of women have shown great interest in our paper. During the year ending October 15, 1884, more than one hundred dollars have been reported to me, and forwarded to the General Treasury.

One young lady, a student in our Conference Seminary, has offered her services to this work, and is laboring steadily in the interests of the Society while waiting the development of necessary plans. Quite an extensive correspondence has been carried on throughout the Conference, demanding much time and labor on the part of the Secretary, as you ladies so well understand.

"The field is the world." We believe this, and the more we do in this department of Christian work, the more we desire to do, because we see such great need for work, and such golden opportunities. God speed the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

MRS. G. F. ARMS, *Corresponding Secretary.*

## WEST NEBRASKA MISSION.

WITH gratitude to the Giver of all good, and with a deep feeling of indebtedness to the Auxiliaries and Churches in the East, we acknowledge the manifold helps rendered the West Nebraska Mission in clothing, schoolbooks, and other reading matter, cards, etc., sent to our ministers and their families on the frontier. These have been made comfortable by the good, warm clothing sent, enabling the families to attend Church and school, and the ministers to go to their several appointments warmly clad and conscious that their loved ones at home were comfortable, while they were preaching the Gospel to sinners anxious to hear of salvation. So you see, "out upon the prairie," you are helping us to "bring the children in." And although there will be much needed the coming winter, with God's help we can leave all these destitute ones in your hands, believing they will be well cared for.

We can not tell you how much our hearts are in sympathy with you in your work, nor how much we owe the dear people and Churches, but we think you would have felt in some measure repaid if you could have been at our little Missionary Conference held in Kearney, and have seen the happy faces of our ministers telling of their trials, struggles with adversity, affliction, and in some instances with poverty, yet going forward in their work, trusting in the promises given by our blessed Master ages ago, and blessing the Woman's Home Missionary Society, who are fulfilling these promises in deeds of kindness and mercy.

Nine boxes, one large package, and six barrels have been received and their contents distributed. Seventeen of the ministers and their families have been made more comfortable, and also needy families of our Church on the border, who were almost destitute through the loss of their crops by

hail, and hence were dependent entirely on their labor for a living. In addition, several Churches have assumed the care of families.

We have three auxiliaries, one at St. Paul, one at Kearney, and one at Loup City; and one hundred and sixty subscribers for the *Home Missions*.

Owing to feeble health and a pressure of other duties, I have felt obliged to resign the office of Secretary, and at the last session of our Conference Mrs. A. Collins, a very excellent and efficient worker, was elected in my place. MRS. T. B. LEMON, *Corresponding Secretary*.

### WYOMING CONFERENCE.

THIS Conference Society has been formed but a short time. There is throughout our entire bounds great need for information concerning the object and work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Many women are found in different localities who are greatly interested, yet the majority know very little of the vast importance of this work. As there was no contingent fund we have been unable to send ladies to organize auxiliaries, but hope something may be done the coming year in this respect. There is at present one auxiliary in Binghamptom of about twenty-five members who have been working under great disadvantages, owing to the fact that a new church was in process of erection, and the united energies of the members were needed for that enterprise.

Two boxes of supplies have been sent, one from Binghampton and the other from Carbondale.

We are doing all we can to increase the circulation of the paper. Quite a number of copies are already taken.

On account of removal, Mrs. E. W Caswell was obliged to resign her office as Conference Secretary. With the blessing of the Lord on our efforts, we hope that more may be accomplished during another year.

MARIA H. JUDD, *Conference Secretary, pro tem.*

## REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES.

### REPORT ON WORK IN SAVANNAH.

ANOTHER year of faithful, earnest labor has been given by our missionaries, Mrs. S. M. Lewis and Miss Viola E. Baldwin, in charge of the work in Savannah. They have not only done a large amount of missionary work—visiting from house to house, giving Bible readings, holding cottage prayer-meetings in different parts of the city, visiting the sick and dying, pointing many to Christ who knew almost nothing of the way of salvation—but they have, under great disadvantages, conducted a large and successful school.

Our Church owns no property except a very small, dilapidated building, which was secured by Bishop Haven fourteen years ago, and named Asbury Chapel. When the poor people there look at it in its deplorable condition they often exclaim: "O, if Bishop Haven had lived we would not have been left in this way." This old building uncomfortable, and in some respects unsafe as it is, still is the only place that could be found in which to open our school.

The opening of a school seemed a necessity, and also the very best missionary work that could be done, as there were three thousand colored children running the streets of Savannah who could not be accommodated in the schools already provided. Soon the little Church was found too small to accommodate all who applied for admission, and many were sent away. Every day a class was taken into the little home of the mission-

aries, and there with limited accommodations, with no seats but the floor, they were daily taught.

While on a visit to the work last Spring we took the superintendent of public instructions of the city to visit the school. He listened to their recitations in astonishment, pronounced their instruction thorough and the school an excellent one.

These ladies make, perhaps, greater sacrifices for the work than any missionaries we have in the field, for they two are alone, completely ostracized from white society, yet happy in their work, and rejoicing that they are privileged thus to labor. Mrs. Lewis at one time was anxious to go to Africa, but she now says, "I have found my Africa, and I hope to be permitted to spend my life in labor for these people."

These missionaries know far better than we the ignorance and degradation of this people. They find men and women who are astonished when the ten commandments are read to them, and they are told that they are God's words. They say, "Why we thought that only massa and missus said this. If we had known that it was in 'the Book,' and that the great Master had said it, we should have been afraid to have lived as we have, and we won't dare do so any more."

I have given but a faint glimpse of the work these ladies have been doing under great disadvantages during the past three years.

Circumstances are such that it seems necessary that an entire change be made in our plan of work. The time has fully come when we should broaden and strengthen our work and put it on a substantial basis. In order to do this it is necessary that we either purchase ground and put up buildings adapted to our work or purchase buildings already erected.

A very eligible opportunity has just been presented to our notice, and if taken at once may enable us to secure a desirable property at a price much below its real value. A parcel of ground 220 by 300 feet, with a large unfinished brick building, on which upwards of $6,000 has already been expended, has been offered at $8,000, on comparatively easy payments, extending through three years. One thousand dollars would probably be required to adapt the building to present use, and another thousand dollars would finish it sufficiently for several years to come.

We ask to-day for $3,000 or for you to pledge for that amount. We have investigated property in Savannah, and feel confident that this is far cheaper, better, and more to be desired than any other now known to be in the market. Rev. S. B. Darnell, of Florida, has examined the property, and says, "It is the golden opportunity of all bargains ever offered for freedmen. It is beautifully situated, a lovely place, on line of street-cars, and were it in Jacksonville I would mortgage my own property in order to secure it for our work there, but no such opportunity has ever come to us." Mrs. Lewis and Miss Baldwin write: "It is the place of all places for our work. O, how we have desired it, and yet hardly dared to hope that it might be ours." There is no time to be lost. The action of this meeting must decide whether we shall lose or gain this golden opportunity to help build up and carry forward the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

MRS. J. L. WHETSTONE, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON BENEFICIARIES.

THE girls aided by the Society have been those who would not have been able to attend school without this aid. The opportunities for girls to secure remunerative employment in the South are very limited, and the parents and friends are generally poor, hence few girls can obtain the small sums of $1.50 or $2.50 per week, which are charged by the schools for board, tuition, and incidentals.

This specialty of our work must appeal very strongly to the intelligent sympathy of those who have means and the disposition to do good, par-

ticularly to juvenile societies. These will be interested in young persons who are struggling to obtain an education.

It is claimed that there is a public-school system in the South, but in the country places where there are schools for the colored people, the teachers are inferior and the schools are often limited to three or four months each alternate year, so that the children can obtain but little advantage from such schools, since they are almost certain to forget in twenty months of vacation what they had learned in three or four months of study. Hence the necessity for special help for very poor girls who are desirous of obtaining an education.

Twenty-one such girls have been aided this year, and they have all made good improvement, and have received the commendation of their teachers.

MRS. R. S. RUST, *Chairman.*

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ON INDUSTRIAL HOME FOR MORMON WOMEN.

MORMONISM, in its relation to government, is a problem which perplexes the nation. Dispose of polygamy and a great ecclesiastical system remains, whose unity defies disintegration, and whose subtlety captivates and dethrones the reason. This system claims to be the *one true* Church, to have a holy priesthood, to confer the gift of the Holy Ghost by the laying on of hands, and to have the spirit of prophecy.

The teachers of this faith are gathering proselytes among all peoples. The literature of Zion is circulated in every quarter of the globe, "inviting its proselytes to gather to Zion before the great and terrible day of the Lord comes." The ships of the Christian Church and those of the Mormon hierarchy are upon the high seas. In mid-ocean the outgoing and the ingoing steamers hail each other; the one bearing missionaries to foreign ports, to teach the Gospel of Christ, the other bringing the natives of these ports to hear this Gospel defamed, and to see innocent victims sacrificed in the name of religion, in the shadow of church spires and under the flag of the only Christian Republic under the sun.

The final solution of the Mormon problem is committed to the Christian Church of the Republic upon whose soil is perpetuated this holocaust of woe. There are, as yet, comparatively few Christian missionaries in Utah. Nor does Utah any longer form the boundary line of Mormonism. One of the leading journals of Idaho, in an issue of July 19, 1884 opens an editorial with the significant question, "How can the Mormon rule be broken?" and then states, "During the past twenty years the Mormons have held undisputed sway in Idaho, and dictated all the legislation.' At the recent session of the Mormon Conference the writer heard read a list of fifty-seven missionaries under appointment to the territory of Arizona. Governor Crosby, of Montana, in his annual report to the Secretary of the Interior, urges that polygamous Mormons be not only disfranchised, but debarred from entering government lands, as a necessary measure to check the progress of Mormonism in that territory. In fact, the strategic points of the entire western coast are being rapidly taken by the Latter Day Saints. The writer, with meager facilities, has in possession reports from mission stations in several of the German provinces, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Scandinavia, Austria, Denmark, England, Scotland, New Zealand, Honolulu, Calcutta, Mexico, and the Canadas. Most of these localities, including eight States of this Republic, have organized conferences. Ex-Congressman George Q. Cannon, in a sermon delivered in the Salt Lake Tabernacle, August 30, 1884, sets forth the future policy of the Church, in the following significant language: "It is our duty to carry these principles to every nation, to every kindred, to every tongue, to every people upon the face of the whole earth; not to the United States alone, not to Europe alone, but to Asia, Africa, and the islands of the sea, throughout our own Continent, through these southern nations, and everywhere, in fact, where the children of men reside; and to lift up a warning voice and declare to the inhab-

itants of the earth that the time is near when the judgments and calamities of which the prophets and the apostles have spoken are about to be poured out upon the ungodly. It is a labor devolving upon us as people; and though it may cost many precious lives to do this, the obligation rests upon us, nevertheless, and we can not be freed from it only by the discharge of the duty."

These facts show the extent of Mormon missionary efforts. They dissipate the theory that Mormonism has little inherent cohesion, and indicate to the Christian Church the continuity of effort necessary to overthrow this delusion of the ages.

The Gospel of Christ is the only Gospel of redemption for woman in this life or the life to come. Under every other system of faith, since the world began, woman must work out her own salvation by penances and prayers, or receive it through the mediation of husband or ecclesiastic. The Mormon creed ingrafts this effete superstition upon the teachings of our Savior. He who received the Magdalene only upon the departure of the seven devils, confers salvation upon the woman of the Church of Latter Day Saints only when she *surrenders* herself to the *possession* of the *Magdalene devils.*

To Christian women this Mormon problem is one of great seriousness. To its solution they should bring their best thought, their most heroic devotion, and their most uncompromising faith.

Among the fugitives from the unholy altars of the Saints, are many who have laid thereon incense, holy as any ever laid by woman's hand. They have fought the fight, they have *kept the faith*, till at last, by some sudden upheaval, the cable has snapped, and the soul in its terrible recoil has bounded forever beyond priestly rule. These strong, brave women have sat by their fireless hearthstones, in the Winter storm, and watched the hunger lines in the white cheeks of their children grow deeper, while in all the great city, by order of the holy priesthood, *no one* had work for an *apostate* mother or child. Said one such to the writer, "Talk not to *me* of this government; the flag which floats over this city mocks at woman's tears. It never shielded *my* daughter from the apostle's lust or the despot's fury. I have often asked myself, is there a God in Heaven? If there is, the prayers of broken hearts now pulseless in yonder cemetery must ere this have moved his very throne. *Where* is the angel of Deliverance? I sit in the black night of my despair upon which no morning will ever break?" The morning of the resurrection—I suggested. "Inspired men tell us there is only the *judgment* for *apostates*," she replied. O, sisters of the Churches to whom this appeal is made, let us unite in one grand enterprise, which shall reassure and give relief to these long suffering women, and set at liberty many who shall come after them. Let us build an *Industrial Home* in Salt Lake City, upon a liberal basis, with ample provision for present and prospective need. Let us put it under the supervision of a Christian family, who shall establish the typical family altar and family life. To this Home let us invite, without money and without price, orphaned and widowed apostates. Under monogamic *regime* the wounded heart may heal, thoughts of the true God supplant theories of the despots, heaven, and a new life spring from the ashes of buried hope. Let us make it an *Industrial* Home; a school where mechanical and domestic industries shall be taught by competent instructors, with requisite facilities. Many women who, in their extremest need would refuse charity, would gladly render compensatory service for temporary shelter. But the real *work* of the Institution should be to prepare young Mormon girls or mothers for independent support. There are scores who are held to the vile system because no way is open by which they can earn their daily bread. This made possible, their speedy escape is certain. A regular form of certificate, or diploma, should be given by the Institution upon completion of the prescribed curriculum in any one of the departments. A Bureau of

Information should be established, and its officers advised of positions in the States or Territories open to graduates. Labor in the various departments should be made remunerative upon the acquisition of a certain degree of skill, till the pupil has sufficient funds to reach the situation provided. The City Missionary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society will have abundant knowledge of necessitous and worthy cases, and be a safe and proper medium of communication. The various industries should be taught in specific departments, and should include:

1. Domestic.

Dress-making, cutting and fitting childrens' clothing, plain sewing, cooking.

2. Mechanical.

1st. A Telephone Exchange, and,

2d. A school of Telegraphy, with an office in the building devoted to each of these branches.

3d. Stenography and type-writing. In this era of rapid thinking, literary, and business correspondence, by dictation to a type-writer is supplanting slower methods. In our Legislatures, Courts, and Editorial sanctums, the stenographer is a modern necessity.

4th. Silk Reeling. Silk culture is a rapidly developing industry among the Mormons. In April, 1884, the writer visited the silk manufactory in Salt Lake City. Brocade silks in elegant designs, silk handkerchiefs, and plain silks were in the looms. The proprietor, an expert from the East, said that his chief hindrance lay in his inability to secure skilled reelers, and assured us that girls thus trained would find ready employment. Mulberry orchards thrive in every part of the Territory. Cocoons of the finest quality are easily produced with small percentage of loss, and water-power is abundant. Other lines of labor would present themselves as facilities increased. These indicate present needs, for which we should make provision in the construction of the Home. Girls trained at the Institution as cooks would find employment and protection in Gentile families in Salt Lake City and at the Methodist Episcopal Seminary Boarding House. The Institution could also be made tributary to the Seminary in its educational department.

The committee appointed by the Home Missionary Society at its Annual Meeting, have examined lots with reference to accessibility, security, water privileges, etc. They find negotiable lots, 20x20 rods, with elevation sufficient for a basement front entirely above ground, for $1,000. An architect has made the first draft of a building, embodying facilities adequate to the demands herein specified as follows: Basement, laundry, kitchen, dining-room, cellar, and all their appurtenances.

First story—Business offices, dispensary, family rooms, parlors.

Second story—Rooms for mechanical and domestic industries.

Third story—Dormitories, bath-rooms, etc. The estimated cost, with plumbing, fixtures, etc., complete, $15,000. Cost of furnishing, including mechanical apparatus for second story, $5,000. Thus, $21,000, with careful disbursement, and adherence to plan, would give us the Home ready for occupancy. Such an Institution, with judicious management, would soon be recognized as a factor of no mean value in the solution of the Mormon problem. The scheme has the unqualified indorsement of government officials and Church authorities at Salt Lake City, from whom but for want of space we could furnish abundant testimony.

Sisters of the Churches, to *you*, upon whose souls the inertia of a false faith has never fallen; to you whose home has never been destroyed by the coming of "another," between you and your other self; to you whose lips have never sent forth that wildest wail which ever came from woman's heart when the strained ear catches the infant cry of your *husband's first-born not your* own; to you, O *queens* upon an undivided throne, to *you* this project appeals. Come, then, to the rescue with the *might* of *right*. Build

this Industrial Home. Set it upon some table-land overlooking the City of Destruction. From its loftiest turret run up the American flag, where its waving outlines may be visible far up the valley, far over the sea. There let them stand together—the Home and the flag—emblems of the Nation's heart and woman's place therein. ANGIE F. NEWMAN, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON PUBLICATION.

The Annual Report was not issued till some time after the close of the Annual Meeting, owing to the fact that at the close of that meeting very little of the requisite matter had been prepared for publication or was in hand; and the substance of the Report had, therefore, to be gathered up from the original sources. This caused much labor and delay.

Allow me to suggest that the Conference Secretaries, as far as possible, write their annual reports in proper form for publication in the Annual Report. And also that each Secretary prepare a revised list of the Conference officers of her own Conference, to accompany her report. After these reports have been read at the Annual Meeting they should be handed to the Secretary of the meeting, who will turn them over to the editor of the Annual Report.

All resolutions offered at the Annual Meeting should be carefully written on slips of paper, each bearing the name of the person presenting it, and after it is read should be handed to the Secretary of the meeting to be inserted in the Minutes.

The Secretaries of the various committees appointed at the Annual Meeting, in preparing their final reports, should be particular to have them properly and plainly written, and signed with the names of the Chairman and Secretary. After they have been adopted, they should be passed to the Secretary of the meeting, who should file them, with other important papers, for publication in the Annual Report.

If these matters are carefully attended to, the work of editing the Annual Report will be much lessened.

The publications for the year have been as follows:

6,000 copies of Annual Report.
6,000 copies of Constitution.
1,000 copies of Dr. Lansing's address, "The Regeneration of the Home."
8,000 copies of Dr. Crummell's address, "The Black Woman of the South."
1,000 copies of Memorial to General Conference.
3,000 copies of What the General Conference did.
8,000 copies of Map of Illiteracy and Organization.
2,000 circulars on Industrial Training Schools.
1,000 circulars on Department of Supplies.
300 circulars on Annual Meeting, concluded.
3,150 blanks for Reports.
3,000 blank pledges—one dollar.
1,000 Membership cards.
500 Savannah cards.
500 blanks for supplies.
1,000 Consignor's blanks.
160,000 pages of Leaflets.
6,000 copies of May number of *Woman's Home Missions.*

Also programs for the Annual Meeting and railroad certificates have been printed. MRS. F. S. HOYT, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL HOMES.

A YEAR ago the Board of Managers recommended that the Society establish a department of industries for women in connection with each school sustained by the Church. During the year three Industrial Homes

have been added to the one then in successful operation, several others are projected, and special funds have been secured for their erection. In several cases these are to be established in localities where the Church has no school.

In view of the importance of practical education for girls, and the sympathy which the movement has awakened among the friends of the cause, we recommend the appointment of a committee of ladies for each State where this special work may be undertaken, whose duty it will be to carefully consider the needs of the people and aid the Executive Board in providing such instruction as will meet their wants.

When these homes supplement a good school, we recommend that the aim of the Society shall be to furnish a home which shall be a model for the people to imitate, in its comfort, its economical management, and its Christian order, and to teach the girls the industries of the needle and the practical details of housekeeping essential to the comfort and happiness of the family.

Where there is no school we recommend that instruction in the elementary branches be given, when necessary to enable the girls to enter intelligently upon the duties of their sphere of life, but that the work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall be, the preparation of women for the duties of home making, leaving higher education to the public schools, seminaries, and colleges, and that girls who manifest special ability be encouraged to enter upon lines of study or industries that will enable them to become self-supporting. MRS. R. S. RUST, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON CIRCULAR LETTER, Etc.

The Committee appointed at the last session of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society to execute plans specified in Resolutions on pages 15, 16, and 17 of the Second Annual Report, beg leave through their Chairman to submit the following report:

### FIRST—THE CIRCULAR LETTER.

Resolution 2d, page 15, reads:

"*Resolved*, That the Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, here assembled, appoint a committee to draft a circular setting forth a true statement of the desecration by the ritual of the Mormon Church of the character and teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ; and that it further declare that the lust of the flesh and the lust of office alone prompt the Mormon priesthood to the establishment and perpetuity of polygamy; that it portray in unmistakable terms the sensualism of the homes of the lower classes, and the unutterable woes endured for 'Christ's sake' in the upper strata of Mormon domestic life."

The Committee held their first meeting in the parlors of the Salt Lake Seminary, Wednesday evening, May 7th, Judge Boreman in the chair. A careful consideration of the subject matter to be embodied in said Letter was had, for although the resolution designates the class of facts, liberty of judgment had been accorded the Committee. To bring said Letter within given limits was the order of the Board. The Committee decided to make only such statements as could be substantiated by the doctrinal publications of the Mormon Church, as, when the Letter is in print, every item will, without doubt, be rigidly analyzed, and every member of the Committee held personally responsible for any statement susceptible by possible misconstruction of disproof. To meet these two conditions, it was decided that the Letter should treat of themes within the province of effort undertaken by the Home Missionary Society, viz., the religious, educational, and home-life conditions of Mormon women. It was further arranged that each member of the Committee should make a private draft of said Letter, each of which should be submitted, the *salient* points in each aggregated in Committee, which points each member should condense to form and again sub-

mit for final revision. As a result, on the 10th of May the Circular Letter was mailed to Mrs. Dr. Rust, at Cincinnati.

SECOND—DISFRANCHISEMENT.

Resolution 5th of the series reads:

"*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to confer with the civil and religious authorities at Salt Lake City, and make careful investigation of the relation of the ballot in the hands of the women of Utah to Territorial legislation, to Congressional representation at the National capital, and, above all, to its power to perpetuate the religious bondage and domestic slavery of the women so enfranchised; and if they shall find the facts to warrant, they shall draft petitions to be circulated for signatures, which shall be presented to the Congressional Committee at Washington, asking for the disfranchisement of the women of Utah, or for a radical change of the whole form of government."

Your Committee faithfully complied with every specification of the resolution as to "conference and investigation." In harmony with the judgment of Federal officers and ecclesiastical authorities, a petition for the disfranchisement of the women of Utah was drafted and printed in Salt Lake City. A statement of facts warranting such petition, and a request for immediate circulation, was drawn up, and fifty copies of each sent to officers of the Home Missionary Society for signatures. Official signatures of organized bodies of Christian women were thus obtained, representing in aggregate 250,000 women. Thus indorsed, the petitions were gathered in by Mrs. Rust, sent to Washington, and on the 19th of June were read in the United States Senate by Senator Hoar, pending the final discussion of the Hoar amendment. The bill passed the Senate. Congress adjourned before it reached the House.

THIRD—INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Resolution 6th of the series reads:

"That this Society shall this year undertake the construction of an Industrial Home in Salt Lake City, which shall be an asylum for, and shall furnish employment to, the mothers and daughters of Utah who wish to renounce Mormonism, and who seek protection from violence and persecution."

The action of your Committee touching this proposition is set forth in a paper prepared by Mrs. Newman, to be read in your hearing by Mrs. Prof. Williams, of Delaware. To reduce this report to the ten-minute rule of the Executive Board, limits the Committee in suggestions which to their judgment are vital. With the briefest possible statement, therefore, the Committee would respectfully urge:

1st. Early publication and copious distribution of the Circular Letter.

2d. That to this end the Committee be privileged to carry out the provisions of resolutions 3d and 4th at early dates in the coming year (such work having been hindered by Mrs. Newman's illness,

"*Resolved*, 3d, That this Committee be authorized to *confer* with other and *kindred organizations*, and secure their financial *co-operation* and *official signatures* to this circular.

"*Resolved*, 4th, That this Committee shall, upon conference with the Executive Committee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, be entitled to make a draft upon the missionary treasury for the publication of said Letter and its distribution through our American consuls in Europe, and through responsible organizations in our own country."

Cause for such action is found in two facts:

1st. Never has there been, in the history of the Mormon Church, a period when plural marriages were contracted as rapidly as in the past year. Polygamy is openly advocated in temple and ward meetings. All over the Territory secret alliances, we are assured upon the most reliable

authority, are being consummated with girls under the age of twelve years, the child to remain in the home of the parents during the legal term of three years, after which the Statute of Limitation cuts off prosecution.

2d. Mormon missionary operations are at present conducted with marvelous celerity, and on a scale hitherto unknown. The Mormon Church organs, since the *1st of June*, have published reports of missionary operations in ten States and six Territories of this Union, in the Canadas, in Denmark, Sweden, Holland, Italy, Switzerland, the German and Austrian Provinces, England, the Isle of Jersey, Scotland, New Zealand, the Sandwich Islands, Japan, Hindoostan, and Old Mexico. At the Church Conference held in Salt Lake October 6, 1884, names of seventy new missionaries were read, *called by the priesthood*, and were assigned to foreign fields. The *Deseret News* of October 13th issues the following order of the hierarchy: "Those missionaries *called* at the October Conference for the Sandwich Island and New Zealand missions *are expected to leave October 21st*, and sail from San Francisco October 25th. Those for Great Britain and Scandinavia October 29th, to sail from New York November 4th."

The Mormon Sunday-school Union held its annual meeting in Salt Lake October 12th. The official report shows in the list of the year's publications, "2,000 copies of 'Jaques' Catechism for Children,' in the *Hawaiian* language, for the benefit of the children of the *Sandwich Island Saints.*" "To this we have added," says the Secretary, "by *their* desire, a large number of Sunday-school report blanks, in *that language.*"

Think of it, O ye women of the Churches! From this Christian Republic, to the nations of the world, are sent these hordes of men and women to teach what? A blasphemy of the Divine Father; a defamation of the character of our Lord Jesus Christ; a Heaven whose jasper walls are reared for the defense of lust through the long cycles of eternity. Heart and brain recoil from the statement, but it is for us to *know the truth.*

DISFRANCHISEMENT PETITION.

Your Committee urge the renewal of said petitions, to meet the bill when it appears in the House of Representatives at the next session of Congress, when a desperate fight is anticipated on the Hoar bill. The Mormon women, led by the priesthood, are already making vigorous preparation for the defense of their LIBERTIES (?).

The argument for disfranchisement is found, first, in the above record of Mormon missionary enterprise. Thousands of these unnaturalized women, in their teens, ignorant of our language and our laws, with the "smell of the emigrant ship still upon their garments," vote at every election. The vote of Mormon women *keeps a Mormon Delegate in Congress*, whose entire policy is to defeat Congressional legislation. The vote of Mormon women elects county officers, and *legislators pledged to defeat* the passage of *Territorial laws against social crimes.* "But," say you, "polygamists are disfranchised." Yes, when it is proven, or the Mormon conscience repudiates perjury. Even *then* the polygamists hold the conventions and nominate the officers. In the present political campaign we find the names of Mormon women delegates to the county conventions, to the Territorial convention which nominates the Congressional Representative, and as members of the *Territorial Central Committee*, who are known to your Committee, to all Salt Lake residents, to be open polygamists. The argument for disfranchisement is exhaustless. Ten minutes, ten hours would not cover it. Let Christian women then, as a unit, rise up to *declare* the illiterate, sub-strata women of the half-civilized races of the darkest corners of the earth, landed by ship-loads on American soil, shall not by their ballots make laws for the destruction of American homes and the pollution of America's daughters. The dear old flag is crimson with blood of father, husband, lover, son. Its stars are set in the background of maidens' tears and mothers' prayers. Shall alien feet be permitted to trample upon this holy emblem? God forbid!

Ladies, the figures on the dial strike high noon. It is time to put on certain armor, and never sheathe the sword till our National ensign floats *only* above Christian homes—*not pagan harems.*

THE INDUSTRIAL HOME.

Your Committee would emphasize with great earnestness the immediate development of this enterprise.

1st. There is not an institution in all Utah, Christian or civil, for the homeless or orphaned. Methodism can do herself great honor herein.

2d. Apostate Mormon women and girls are making application for help in disreputable houses in Salt Lake City, and many find in these places permanent homes, which are less repulsive than those they have left.

Finally, Ladies of the Convention, these are faith enterprises. The Committee join with you in petitioning Heaven for an increase of faith capacity. We anticipate for your verdict, The set time to favor "Zion" is *now.*

MRS. A. F. NEWMAN, REV. T. C. ILIFF,
JUDGE BOREMAN, MRS. A. G. PADDOCK.

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REPORT ON "WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONS."

ONE year ago, mid the deliberations of your Annual Meeting at Cincinnati, this enterprise we represent to-day was decided upon. And, in making our part of the report of its work these ten months, may we first briefly refer to its birth, which was on this wise.

This paper has certainly seemed the wonderful child of Providence; may we not hope it will prove equally the wonderful child of destiny, coming in the fullness of time, in answer to an imperative demand that could no longer be resisted, while prospectively holding in its keeping interests most vital to the more rapid and complete development of the great work of your Association.

It was named for the mother, which name, you remember, proved in time its only endowment; and then, with only that mother's hand in blessings on its head, and a baptism of love, such as only mothers know how to give, it was started on its great mission of good. Handed over by your body to Mrs. H. C. McCabe and Mrs. Emily Bugbee to tenderly care for, these two appointments, indicative of your good judgment and wisdom, seemed providential too; but the necessity for change of publisher, by Mrs. Bugbee's resignation, was, doubtless, the paper's early misfortune, for stepmothers, you know, never fully measure quite up to own mothers.

And so, the following January, the little life, freighted with so much of interest to thousands yet unborn, was launched, and our first issue appeared, a modest little monthly, with only eight pages, and three of these devoted to advertisements. We need not remind our sisters to-day how truly this was a "little one." Its mother poor, with so many other children asking bread, its own treasury empty, its subscription lists as yet represented only by promises, without the prestige of success, having only a small guarantee fund girding its loins and standing sponsor for its future. Yes! surely when its brave editor stepped out in that first month's work it must have been an act of simple, and yet sublime, faith—faith in the mother's love and name; faith in the strong and diviner arm that was guiding it; faith in that unfailing promise of "all things" to them that believe.

The first surprise and guarantee of success discovered in our work were the large numbers of devoted friends all over this land, that had evidently taken this enterprise into most loving keeping, and who, meeting us on the very threshold of effort, with warm sympathies and full fellowship of work, became thus our first surety of success. These good friends not only welcomed, without criticism, to their homes our unpretentious little monthly, but with "pen and tongue," and unceasing efforts, have all along contributed to its rapid circulation. Need we assure these

co-workers how gratefully their labors have been appreciated, and how much we feel indebted to them, not only for sunshine in our little sanctum, but for any measure of success that may have crowned our work.

Our second surprise, and one that has convinced us of the vital need of just this organ, is the widespread ignorance everywhere prevailing in regard to these home fields and the indifference growing out of this fact, that an extensive correspondence has disclosed to us. This seemingly utter ignorance and indifference towards the two heathen nations living among us, and forming a part of our Republic, sheltered by our own beautiful flag, while hearts were opening and treasures were flowing out so freely to stranger lands across the sea, has really seemed *most* serious and deplorable. We think we speak intelligently of this ignorance, because the correspondence that has revealed it to us has been so very wide, extending through our entire land; and the inquiries that have been pouring in upon us and heralding, we think, a wonderful awakening, come not less from the Atlantic borders than from the Pacific slopes, not less from the city full than from the prairies' wide waste. And may we not hope that this Rip Van Winkle slumber of a century is finally breaking, and that our little white-winged Evangel has now come to help waken from sleep, and usher in the beautiful morning?

We would not like to tell just here how, after our chief had mounted the editorial chair, and we, in our more humble line of work, had gotten our desk and each important little pigeon-hole in order, we waited anxious and hopeful for that first subscription list. But we *would* like to tell, just here, how welcome was a certain *Evanston* letter with its long list of names, its clean, crisp postal order, its words of cheer and "God speed you." How our editor began to sing, and that little office to hum with work How quickly our bank account of four and a quarter dollars was then opened; for it was something in those days to have a bank account at all. Yes, that Evanston letter proved our bonanza, the opening floodgate of all that was so quickly to follow in other long lists from Cincinnati, Anamosa, Boston. And finally, thou too, Reno! of the land of Penn, art not least among its princes, for out of thee flowed one morning over one hundred names and twenty-six dollars, which, together with fifty dollars from Mr. James DeCamp for advertisements, chased our Winter away, and "lo! the time of the singing of birds" had come.

At the end of our first month 600 names were on our books; at the end of the second, 1,200; of the third, 1,900; of the fifth, 3,000; and 4,500 are now on our mailing list. This rapid increase of circulation, if you will pardon the seeming conceit, with so much of pioneer work to be done, with so great a tide of ignorance and indifference to stem, and with many other hindering causes in the way, seemed almost phenomenal, and has been pronounced by old newspaper men as a success, under these circumstances, almost unprecedented.

Our main efforts have been directed towards laying sure, if not broad, the foundations of our paper this first year, first showing its need, then winning and holding friends for it until *it* has had time to tell its own sad and touching story of the wrongs and oppression of these heathen nations at home, and to bear on its beautiful wings, everywhere, the glad tidings of what your Society proposes to do, in lifting these races up out of their ignorance and degradation, and making them strong men and women in Christ Jesus.

Each month our finances have been closely watched, not only to prudently keep expenses within income, but during the first more full and plenteous months, to lay by a contingent fund, with which to meet coming months of dearth early foretold by our wise editor. And so we come to you to-day with expenses all paid, our credit at home *most excellent*, and with sufficient money in bank and due on advertisements, with what will naturally flow in the coming two months, to carry us safely through

the year. We had hoped to do more and better work this year. With the increased facilities we are hoping for, we believe the coming year will prove yet more abundant, and perhaps thus our expectations of this year will be more fully met.

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| Total receipts during these ten months up to October 24th, | $1,330 79 |
| Expenses " " " " | 1,229 80 |
| Balance in bank October 24th, | $100 99 |

Number of paid subscribers to paper, 4,300; whole number on mailing books, including exchanges, advertisements, and extras, for list of ten or more names, 4,500.

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| Received on subscriptions, | $1,061 25 |
| " advertisements, | 194 50 |
| " Mother's jewels, | 21 80 |
| " by donations, | 45 00 |
| " small change, | 90 |
| " sale of stamps, | 7 34 |
| Total, | $1,330 79 |

And now, before closing, may we not make a plea for this young child? A plea for more means to carry out carefully digested plans, and accomplish what has now come to be *vital* to life and increased usefulness. Nor do we expect to ask this from the mother's heavily taxed treasury. We are very considerate, you see, only asking the *straw* with which to make our own bricks—the increased circulation and advertisements with, perhaps, guarantee pledges from some open and plethoric purses, that would enable us to anticipate somewhat this increased circulation. Our paper should be enlarged, that it may more fully represent the great needs of this home field, and show what your Association is doing towards meeting these needs. We ought also to have a mailing machine, which has always been a great need to secure neatness as well as dispatch in mailing. This will cost only some fifty dollars, but we have never yet seen our way clear to invest so much, though we have spent more during the year in expenses for extra help in mailing than would have paid for one.

Mrs. S. W. Thomson, *Publisher.*

## REPORT ON FIELDS OF MISSION WORK.

The relation of the Woman's Home Missionary Society to the Parent Board, as well as our own action last year, makes it necessary that our Society give no credit for money that is not appropriated through its agencies and disbursed from its general treasury. This makes it impossible for it to recognize what may be called "local aid work." The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society as set forth in its constitution is to do good to the souls and bodies of destitute and neglected women and children. Its object is to purify and elevate the home.

If the Society be filled with the missionary spirit it will sympathize with and co-operate with all movements for the relief of the suffering, the instruction of the ignorant, and the conversion of the sinner. But, in the judgment of the committee, it should be exceedingly careful in assuming financial responsibility not to encroach upon the work of existing agencies. It should be a principle underlying all appropriations of money, that the work undertaken shall lie outside the bounds of local Christian agencies or organized parish work.

If anywhere there be a settlement or community for which no man cares, the burden of whose Christian education lies on no Christian's heart; a community whose claim to the Gospel is recognized and met by

no Christian Church; such settlement or community, whether it be in the metropolis or on our farthest frontier, is properly a mission field.

If a community is too poor to provide for itself school and Church privileges, and, for any cause, is unable to secure the necessary aid from any local Society or organization, it is, in the opinion of this committee, the proper work of this Society to render such *temporary* aid as shall tend to make the community capable of caring for its own educational and religious interests.

But as the means of the Society are limited, another principle should have influence in all appropriations, viz., the greatest good to the greatest number *for the least money*. It would seem a matter for regret if Providence had not so arranged human affairs that money must be put over against the souls of men. But in God's order it seems to take *money* as well as piety and zeal to convert men. So, we must seek to do the most possible with the least expenditure.

Does the question arise, whether we shall appropriate money to this or that locality? The first point to be decided is, does such locality need the kind of work this Society proposes to do, viz., the care of the souls and bodies of destitute and ignorant women and children. Second, is it so remote from local Christian sympathy and charity that it can not be provided for by local organizations, or is it a community temporarily unable to provide for itself. Third, is it the most profitable expenditure of money. It is always better, other things being equal, to save *two* persons than *one*. Attention to these principles will settle properly the most difficult case.

Again, the question may arise, as it has already done, whether the Society may appropriate money "in the lump." To illustrate, a Conference or Church proposes to raise a certain amount, provided it may appropriate the amount raised to its own work. Assuming that the work proposed is legitimate Woman's Home Missionary work, in the judgment of the committee such an arrangement would be an unwise one. Your committee would advise, under such circumstances, a careful investigation of the demands of the field, and a regular appropriation of a definite amount. It may be a very judicious and benevolent thing for the Society to send back to some localities as much as or even more than the locality contributes to the Society. But let it be *sent back* through the regular channels, not retained by the Church or Conference raising it to be appropriated at its pleasure.

The committee believe, that if the Woman's Home Missionary Society chooses its fields in accordance with the principles here stated it will always act in harmony with the best business principles, the most enlightened Christian charity, and with the spirit of the Parent Board in making its choice of fields for missionary appropriations.

MRS. DELIA L. WILLIAMS, MRS. L. D. MCCABE,
MRS. E. E. MARCY, MRS. C. V. CULVER,
MRS. MCCLELLAN BROWN.

## REPORT ON LEAFLETS.

THE Leaflet Committee report the following Leaflets prepared, printed, and distributed during the year, viz.:

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| Address of Dr. Lansing, | 1,000 | copies. |
| Has the Government the Right to Suppress Mormon Polygamy, | 3,000 | " |
| Mormonism, | 3,000 | " |
| Growth of Mormonism, | 3,000 | " |
| Some Defects in the Present Laws of Utah | 3,000 | " |
| Help for the Colored Girl, | 3,000 | " |
| Home Mission Fields, | 3,000 | " |
| A Glance Southward, | 3,000 | " |
| The Need for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, | 3,000 | " |

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| A Penny a Day, | 3,000 | copies. |
| The Black Women of the South, | 8,000 | " |
| What the General Conference of 1884 did, | 3,000 | " |
| Map of Illiteracy, | 8,000 | " |
| Industrial Training Schools, | 2,000 | " |
| May Number of *Home Missions*, | 6,000 | " |
| Total number of copies, | 55,000 | |
| Total number of pages, | 406,000 | |

There is still a constant and increasing demand for the information, tersely put, which our tracts and leaflets supply. The publishing committees of other denominations have complimented us by sending for samples of our publications and warmly commending them. The short ones like "Help for the Colored Girl," "A Penny a Day," seem most popular, and we believe are very useful. DELIA L. WILLIAMS, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON REPRESENTATION AT GENERAL CONFERENCE.

THE Committee, consisting of Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. R. S. Rust, and Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, appointed at the last Annual Meeting to represent the Woman's Home Missionary Society at the ensuing General Conference to meet in Philadelphia in May, 1884, prepared the following Memorial:

*To the Bishops and Ministers in General Conference assembled:*

DEAR FATHERS AND BRETHREN,—The Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, at its second annual gathering, convened in Cincinnati, October 23, 1883, requested the ladies whose names are attached to this paper to represent the interests of the Society to your venerable body, and solicit such recognition and co-operation as in your wisdom may secure its highest usefulness and the greatest harmony with the benevolent associations of the Church already in successful operation.

It is deemed appropriate, in submitting this introductory communication to the General Conference, to place before it the causes which have led to the organization of the Society, the success which has attended its efforts, and the encouragement we have for the future prosecution of this work.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society originated in a deep and widespread conviction throughout the entire Church that an organization of the women was demanded to aid in the evangelization of our own land, and the conviction was deepened by the fact that there are millions of neglected and degraded women in this country that can be reached and saved only by the efforts of Christian women, while there are millions flocking to our shores from other lands that need to be led to Christ and brought into harmony with our free institutions.

The appeal for this work came first from our teachers and missionaries in the South, where special effort was required to instruct neglected freedwomen in the duties and obligations of domestic life, that they might be able to make pleasant homes, and train their children in the precepts of Christian morality.

A meeting of ladies was held in Cincinnati, June 8, 1880, and a Committee was appointed to confer with Bishop Wiley, the resident bishop, and other officers of the Freedmen's Aid Society, as to the advisability of organizing a woman's society for mission work in this country.

Receiving encouragement from these, the Woman's Home Missionary Society was inaugurated, a constitution adopted in July and the following ladies were elected officers: Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes, President; Mrs. John Davis, First Vice-president and Chairman of the Executive Board; Mrs. A. R. Clark, Treasurer; Mrs. James Dale, Recording Secretary; Mrs.

R. S. Rust, Corresponding Secretary; five Vice-presidents, and twelve Resident Managers. The Society entered upon its work in the Fall of the same year.

It was organized at first with special reference to the needs of the South. But soon appeals for aid came from the people of New Mexico and Alaska, the Indians, the Chinese in America, from immigrants in our frontiers, and from our suffering sisters in Utah, and in response to these touching appeals its plans were broadened to embrace these needy fields.

In the Fall of 1881 the enterprise had achieved so great success as to warrant its friends in bringing the subject to the notice of the Missionary Society, with the view of asking advice as to the best plans for co-operation with the other branches of mission work in the Church, and the following communication was addressed to this Society:

"*To* Rev. Dr. Reid *and* Rev. Dr. Fowler, *Secretaries of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church:*

"Dear Brethren,—At Cincinnati, in July, 1880, several ladies, under the pressure of Christian obligation, organized the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"The General Missionary Society embraces in its field of effort both our own and foreign lands. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society confines its efforts entirely to work in behalf of women in foreign lands; and as there is a similar demand for Christian labor in behalf of women in our own country, it was deemed expedient to organize the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"All the missionary enterprises of the Church have greatly suffered from the lack of the practical application of the teaching of the pulpit and the school in the homes of the people, as it could only be enforced by intelligent, consecrated Christian women, for, in the very nature of the case, only women can enter the wretched abodes of the people, and instruct the ignorant women in the proprieties, moralities, and economies of a well-ordered Christian home.

"The fact that other denominations already had woman's home missionary societies in successful operation encouraged a similar movement on the part of Methodist women. The step of organizing the Society was taken reluctantly, and only after repeated efforts had been made by one of the bishops and other gentlemen in official positions in the Church to accomplish the work through one of the existing societies. But it was found that no one of them was so organized as to include this special work.

"Failing to secure the desired recognition and co-operation from the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, which was the only organization in our Church that could successfully engage in the work, several missionaries were employed and sent by private enterprise into needy localities in the South, under the administration of the Freedmen's Aid Society, and the results have been most encouraging and satisfactory. The last General Conference commended this work, and the demands for missionary labor in the neglected portions of our country were so vast and imperative that Christian ladies of our Church felt impelled to organize the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"We can only glance in this paper at the fields of want and wretchedness which so urgently appeal to woman's sympathies and efforts. And,

"*First.* There are millions of freed people in the South in the deepest ignorance and degradation, who can be reached only by women, and nearly as many poor neglected whites, who are involved in difficulties that most urgently appeal to woman for sympathy and aid.

"*Second.* The Spanish Mexican people of New Mexico are fearfully ignorant and degraded. They are nominally Roman Catholic, but really pagan, and their appeal for Christian aid is scarcely less emphatic than

that of those embracing a similar faith and indulging in similar practices in foreign lands.

"*Third.* There are nearly two hundred thousand (200,000) Mormons, who are establishing their abominable system of polygamy and government in the fairest and most promising portions of our country. While women suffer such fearful wrongs from this monstrous system of iniquity in our midst, surely women should organize and do all in their power to relieve their sisters from their suffering and degradation.

"*Fourth.* The Indians in the Territories and in Alaska are the victims of our injustice and wrong, and have claims upon us for Christian civilization not to be surpassed by heathen of foreign lands.

"*Fifth.* There is a large Chinese population in our midst, which demands Christian effort, and women can labor as successfully for them here as in China. While women send women to China and other heathen lands to labor for the salvation of women, the women of our Church should not neglect those who flock from these lands to our western shores.

"These facts indicate that our Society has an important mission to perform in elevating these unfortunate people, and in establishing among them the Christian Church and the Christian home.

"The affairs of the Society are controlled by a Board of Managers, consisting of representatives from all the Conference Societies, and the moneys raised and forwarded to its treasury are appropriated to general missionary work in destitute parts of our own country, as may be determined by this Board.

"Those interested in this movement have earnestly sought the advice of the experienced, and have endeavored to follow the leading of that Providence which has placed the burden of this great work upon their hearts and consciences.

"Knowing that its success depended on its being brought into harmony with the other enterprises of the Church, the approval of as many of the annual conferences as time and circumstances would admit has been secured. Thirty-eight of these conferences have commended the Society by formal action. In eight of these we have Conference Societies organized, and thirteen others have Conference Secretaries appointed by the Conference or by the General Executive Board of the Society. The formation of auxiliaries in these conferences has begun, and there is a prospect of a general thorough organization in this cause.

"The Society has as yet realized but a small income. It has not, therefore, undertaken a large amount of work. Last year it sustained in the field two missionary teachers in New Orleans, two in Atlanta, one in Chattanooga, one in Nashville, one in Greenville District, S. C., and one in Ogden, Utah, in the school established by the Missionary Society. The teacher at Ogden was sent at the request of the supervising bishop, and the present year, by the same advice, another teacher has been sent to the school at Salt Lake, making two in that Territory. The Society has made an appeal for $5,000.00, to be used in the erection of a home and boarding department for the Salt Lake Seminary, and has realized an encouraging part of the amount. We have also sent a third missionary to New Orleans, and two to Savannah, Ga.

"We have two beneficiaries in Central Tennessee College, Nashville; three in Clark University, Atlanta, Ga.; two in Claflin University, Orangeburg, S. C.; two in the University at Athens, Tenn.; and one in Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Florida.

"Our first annual meeting is soon to be held. We are aware that your board has carefully considered the needs of our home mission field, and can make valuable suggestions as to the expenditure of our funds. We believe that you will agree with us that we can labor most successfully in enforcing and supplementing the already existing missionary agencies of the Church. Will you, therefore, do us the favor to suggest at what

points, in your judgment, we can most profitably locate our missionary teachers, so as to labor harmoniously with the existing domestic mission enterprises of the General Missionary Society.

"It is the earnest desire of the Woman's Home Missionary Society to bring this new organization into intimate and sympathetic relations with all the missionary interests of the Church. We believe that united Christian effort will be mutually profitable, and secure a great increase of power. We, therefore, earnestly request that you will make any suggestions you deem advisable for our approaching annual meeting, which will identify us more closely with the general missionary interests of the Church. While we pursue our own distinctive work, we are desirous of being recognized as a member of the missionary family.

"We wish further to inquire whether the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pacific Coast sustains such relations to your Board as would prevent its uniting with our organization; and as our aims are the same, would not a union be desirable?

"In the bonds of Christian fellowship.

"ELIZABETH L. RUST, *Cor. Secretary.*

"LUCY W. HAYES, *President.*

"MRS. BISHOP WILEY,
"MRS. JOHN DAVIS,
"MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS,
"MRS. F. S. HOYT,
"MRS. GEO. SAVAGE, } *Committee.*"

The following reply to the preceding communication was received from the Rev. Dr. Reid in behalf of the Missionary Society:

"*To the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society:*

"WHEREAS, This Society has received communications made to it by the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, defining their position and making certain requests; therefore,

"*Resolved*, 1. That within the bounds of the United States there is great need of work by women, in which such an organization as the Woman's Home Missionary Society might greatly aid and extend the present efforts of the Methodist Episcopal Church in this direction, supporting female missionaries in the home field.

"2. That this Woman's Home Missionary Society should govern itself faithfully by the following provisions, viz.:

"(*a.*) It shall work in harmony with, and under the supervision of, the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"(*b.*) The appointment, employment, and remuneration of its missionaries shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"(*c.*) The fields of labor, and the general plans and designs of work of this Society shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"(*d.*) All missionaries supported by this Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Church; and if in a mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

"(*e.*) The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any Church service, or in any promiscuous public meeting, or in Sunday-schools; but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, and by such other methods as in the judgment of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will not interfere with the collections or contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"3. (*a.*) The Treasurer of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall be the Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"(*b.*) He shall receive from the sub-treasurers all moneys collected for the Woman's Home Missionary Society, open an account, and credit all moneys so received to the said Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"(*c.*) He shall pay only on the order of the proper authorities of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"(*d.*) He shall render accounts at such times as may be fixed by the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"(*e.*) Whenever, at the close of the fiscal year, there shall be any surplus in the treasury to the credit of the Woman's Home Missionary Society not needed to pay the appropriations and expenses, both duly authorized and approved, said surplus shall be passed to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"4. That the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is willing to act as the trustee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in all matters of legacies, or in holding for them real estate or other trusts, as the Woman's Home Missionary Society may desire.

"Truly, yours, J. M. Reid, *Corresponding Secretary.*"

At the annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, held in the Fall of 1882, the Constitution was amended in the following particulars, in order to bring it into harmony with the above suggestions of the Missionary Society:

### "Amendments to Constitution.

"Article VI.—Relations to Other Branches of Church Work.

"Section 1. While the organization known as the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society confines its work distinctively to the *foreign* field, this Society will engage exclusively in missionary labor in our own land.

"Sec. 2. This Society will work in harmony with, and under the supervision of, the authorities of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the following particulars:

"***a.*** The appointment, employment, and remuneration of its missionaries shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"***b.*** The fields of labor and the general plans and designs of work of this Society shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"***c.*** All the missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

"***d.*** The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collections, nor by subscriptions taken during any regular Church service, nor in Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, and by such other methods as in the judgment of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"***e.*** All funds thus raised shall belong to the Society, to be used by the Executive Board as in their judgment shall best promote the interest of the general work.

"Sec. 3. ***a.*** The Treasurer of the Missionary Society shall be the general Treasurer of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"***b.*** He shall receive from the Treasurer of the General Executive Board all moneys collected for the Woman's Home Missionary Society,

open an account, and credit all moneys so received to the said Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"*c.* He shall pay only on the order of the proper authorities of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"*d.* He shall render accounts at such times (monthly or quarterly) as may be fixed by the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"SEC. 4. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall act as the Trustee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in all matters of legacies, and in holding for them real estate or other trusts, as the Woman's Home Missionary Society may desire.

"SEC. 5. The annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the year, shall be so arranged that its plans may be submitted to the authorities of the Missionary Society for approval, at their annual meeting in November."

The First Vice-president and the Corresponding Secretary were made a Special Committee to confer with the authorities of the Missionary Society, and report our action in reference to amendments submitted to us for adoption. To this communication the following answer was received:

"NEW YORK, February 26, 1883.

"MRS. JOHN DAVIS AND MRS. R. S. RUST, *Cincinnati, Ohio:*

"DEAR SISTERS,—As I wrote you some time since, the question of the relations between the Woman's Home Missionary Society and the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church was referred, on certain legal points, by the Board to Judge Fancher, counsel of the Board, and the Board awaited his opinion before taking action. The Board has now received that opinion, and has taken the following action:

"*Resolved*, That the whole matter be referred to the next General Conference, and that the Corresponding Secretary be instructed to send to the proper authorities of the Woman's Home Missionary Society a copy of this opinion, and a statement of this action.

"Assuming that this Committee is the proper authority to receive this communication, I report this action, and send you the following opinion of Judge Fancher as given to the Board:

"'*To the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church:*

"'*Dear Brethren*,—I have received and read a copy of the minutes of the Committee on Woman's Mission Work of March 20, 1882; June 1, 1882; November 13, 1882; and November 21, 1882, touching the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church and its relation to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"'I have also received the First Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, containing its Constitution, report of its proceedings, and other matters: and I have considered the question referred to me by the Board at its meeting on the 21st November last as to the authority of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to enter into the proposed relations with the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"'I should premise that I am not unmindful of the vast and important field the Woman's Home Missionary Society have entered, nor of the acknowledged needs of the great work that Society has undertaken. But I am not requested to dilate upon the field or work before that Society, and suppose I should confine my answer to your question within its legal aspects.

"'I, therefore, have to say:

"'1. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church is a body corporate, created by the Legislature of the State of New York, and its powers are defined by its charter.

"'Its objects are to diffuse the blessings of education and Christianity, and to promote and support missionary schools and Christian missions in our own and foreign countries.

"'The management of its affairs is vested in a Board of Managers appointed by the General Conference, and the Board has such powers as may be necessary for the management of the affairs of the corporation, "*in conformity with the constitution of said Society as it now exists, or as it may be from time to time amended by the General Conference.*" (Section 4 of the charter.)

"'There is nothing in the Constitution, as it now stands, to authorize the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church to enter into any alliance with another society. On the contrary, its constitution points out the method by which its work is to be carried on through the agency of the General Missionary Committee and the administration of the Board of Managers. I do not think it has constitutional power to resign any portion of its work in the home field to another society, nor to form any alliance with another society by which the latter shall have control of the fields or plans of missionary labor, or consent to interfere therewith, or with the sources of missionary contributions, as to create a sort of partnership in the work.

"'2. The Methodist Episcopal Church has, by its supreme judiciary, the General Conference, committed its missionary work to the General Missionary Society under specified regulations set forth in a written constitution, a constitution which can not be changed except by the consent of the General Conference.

"'A body corporate can act only in the mode prescribed by the law creating it; and if the Missionary Society should, by its Board of Managers, consent to acts in excess of its lawful authority, serious consequences might arise.

"'3. It is better that the question of connection with the Woman's Home Missionary society should be referred to the General Conference. The next session of that body is near, and it may in its wisdom so amend the present Constitution as to do away with the objection now existing to the proposed recognized relation of that Society to the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church as shall be thought proper.

"'Respectfully submitted, E. L. FANCHER.'

"Hoping that a harmonious adjustment will finally be reached, I remain, always sincerely, C. H. FOWLER, *Corresponding Secretary.*"

Our efforts to secure recognition not being successful, we have since that time prosecuted our work under the Constitution as originally adopted, which is as follows: (See page 122.)

We are profoundly thankful to our Father in Heaven for moving our hearts to engage in this good work, for patience and perseverance in its prosecution, for guidance in doubt and discouragement, and for the success which has crowned our efforts in inaugurating a Society to advance the interests of Christ's cause in our land.

General organization is the first and most important condition of success in an enterprise like this, and to the accomplishment of this our efforts thus far have been largely directed. Sixty-five of our annual conferences have cordially indorsed the movement; conference societies have been organized in forty of these, and many auxiliaries in each.

In addition to this work of organization the Society has raised funds to sustain eight missionaries the first year, nine the second, ten the third, and it now has thirteen in the field, ten in the South and three in Utah.

It has aided from ten to eighteen girls each year in the schools, and its missionaries have encouraged the people of the Louisiana, Texas, and West Texas Conferences to establish Christian schools which are self-supporting.

It has erected and furnished a building for a Home and Boarding Department for Salt Lake Seminary, Utah, at a cost of $6,000. The Society has inaugurated an enterprise to aid Mormon women who desire to escape the thralldom of the Mormon Church, and has secured contributions of more than $1,000 for this object. The building is to be located in Salt Lake City, and the plan will include a school, and will offer to these unfortunate women, until they can be provided for elsewhere, protection and employment, neither of which can they receive from their own people if they renounce Mormonism.

There are in Utah nearly 50,000 Scandinavians, besides other foreigners. The Society is preparing to warn the countries from whence these people come of the true nature of this false religion through a circular letter setting forth its abominations, which letter will be brought before the Evangelical Alliance at its next general meeting, translated into the languages of those countries, and circulated by our consuls and other agencies among the people.

The Society has entered upon a system of industrial training for girls, which is carried on in co-operation with the schools of the Church. This department is to prepare the girls coming into the schools for the duties of their sphere of life. The best methods of housekeeping will be taught, cooking, the care of the sick, plain sewing in the preparation of clothing, dressmaking, etc. Also the culture of flowers when practicable. The "Model Home" has convenient apartments, parlor, kitchen, dining, sewing, and bedrooms, tastefully and economically furnished, and is placed in charge of a matron, who is the head of the family and maintains Christian order.

This department is in successful operation at the Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Arkansas, where the Society has a beautiful cottage worth $3,000; and at Clark University, Atlanta, Georgia, it has another pretty cottage; and at Claflin University, Orangeburg, South Carolina, another has been provided by the trustees.

Property has been purchased, buildings are to be erected during the Summer, and the work will be opened at Rust University, Holly Springs, Miss., in the Fall. Special contributions have been secured, and a similar department is to be established at an early date at Bennett Seminary, Greensboro, N. C.; Cookman Institute, Jacksonville, Florida, and New Orleans University, New Orleans, La.

The Society intends, as its funds may permit, to introduce the industrial work into needy localities where there are no schools, and it has sustained with marked success such an enterprise at Savannah, Ga., for three years, where it has also a school of one hundred and thirty pupils. The work here is to be strengthened and enlarged during the Summer.

A Training-school to prepare ladies for instructors in this department is deemed essential to its highest efficiency. Plans for the school are under consideration, and contributions to establish it are solicited.

It has established a Bureau of Supplies by which the families of ministers and teachers, and Sabbath-schools and Churches, in mission sections are aided, and by the help thus given students have been retained in the schools and ministers in the field. Through this agency a bond of sympathy is created between the different sections of our Church which will accomplish great good and secure a large increase in our missionary collections.

We are appealing to each of fifteen hundred of our prosperous Churches to send a box of clothing and other supplies annually, worth at least fifty dollars, to one of the mission charges. The benefit which would result from this would far exceed the estimated value of the goods—$75,000.

This department has distributed goods valued at over $8,500.

The cash receipts of the Society have reached $32,500.

Woman's responsibility for this work is increased by the fact that more

than two-thirds of the members of our Churches are women. This great force, thoroughly organized and wisely directed, may become an agency of great efficiency for the advancement of Christ's kingdom. Sabbath-school work must fall largely into the hands of women. Judicious and persevering effort on their part may bring the boys and girls into the Sabbath-school, retain them there, and most likely eventually bring them into the Church. It will be the aim of the Society to organize bands of young people, to induce them to consecrate heart and life to Christ, and to instruct them in regard to the conditions and wants of our country, and thus bind them to the Church by the double bond of patriotism and religion.

Without going into further details your attention is invited to our First and Second Annual Reports, which will furnish full information of the work accomplished by the Society and the methods employed. We hereby request that you will take such action in regard to the Woman's Home Missionary Society and its work as you, in your wisdom, may deem best, trusting that at least you will extend to it full recognition and place it among the benevolent associations of the Church, duly authorize it to prosecute missionary work in this country, and that you will allow a column to be placed in the General Minutes of the Church for the reports of its annual collections.

Earnestly desiring that in all your deliberations you may be guided by divine wisdom, and that you may select the best plans for saving this country for Christ, we commend the Society to your prayerful consideration.

MRS. JOHN DAVIS,
MRS. R. S. RUST,
MRS. JOHN L. WHETSTONE. } *Committee.*

Rev. Dr. J. M. Walden, now bishop, presented the memorial to the General Conference. It was referred to the Committee on Missions, and by that committee to a sub-committee, consisting of E. W. Parker, L. C. Queal, A. Craig, C. H. Fowler, F. S. Hoyt, N. Sites, J. Sleeper. After a thorough examination of all the facts and questions involved, this sub-committee made a report, which was carefully considered by the Committee on Missions, and by it presented to the General Conference, and was adopted as follows:

### Woman's Home Missionary Society.

"SEC. 1. For the more successful prosecution of the Missionary work of the Church among women in our own country there shall be an organization known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, to be governed and regulated by their Constitution, which may be altered or amended by the General Conference as the necessities of the work may require

"SEC. 2. This Society shall work in harmony with, and under the supervision of, the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church. The appointment, recall, and remuneration of Missionaries, and the designation of their fields of labor, shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and annual appropriations to mission fields shall be submitted for revision and approval to the General Missionary Committee of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

"SEC. 3. The funds of the Society shall not be raised by collections or subscriptions taken during any of our Church services, nor in any promiscuous public meeting, nor in any Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by such methods as the Constitution of the Society shall provide, none of which shall interfere with the contributions of our people and Sunday-schools for the Treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher in charge to the Annual Conference, and be entered in a column among the benevolent collections in the Annual and General Minutes.

When this report was under consideration by the General Conference, the following amendment was offered by J. Wiley Wells, and adopted:

"*Resolved*, That Section 3, of this paragraph, concerning Woman's Missionary Societies, shall not be so interpreted as to prevent the ladies from taking collections in ladies' meetings convened in the interest of their Societies, nor from securing memberships, life memberships, etc., in audiences where their work is represented, nor from holding festivals or managing lectures in the interest of their work."

By this action the Woman's Home Missionary Society was given official recognition among the connectional societies of the Church.

The Constitution, as originally adopted by the Society, remains essentially unchanged. Its plans are made, and its funds are appropriated by its General Board of Managers meeting annually, which action is to be submitted to the Missionary Society for approval.

Mrs. Davis, the Chairman of the Committee, was unable to attend the General Conference, but the other members of the committee, Mrs. Rust and Mrs. Whetstone, were in attendance, and at all times met with most cordial sympathy and aid.

The Woman's Home Missionary Society and its friends are under great obligation to the members of the Committee on Missions and to other delegates who so ably advocated their cause.

MRS. R. S. RUST, *in behalf of the Committee.*

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## REPORT ON LOCAL WORK.

1st. *What Constitutes Local Missionary Work?*

Mission Chapels, Mission Sunday-schools, Missionary visitor, teacher, or Bible reader, distribution of Bibles, tracts, etc., the relief of the poor, the sick, the friendless, and the rescue of the depraved; or, in few words, all the work in our cities, towns, villages, and country neighborhoods, which is similar to the work done in our mission fields, whether to white or black, native-born, or foreign people.

2d. *How can local work be carried on by the Woman's Home Missionary Society so as to aid and not hinder the work of the general Society?*

By organizing a Local Department which shall be under the control of the Auxiliary.

3d. *May the work of the Local Department include all the work ordinarily done by the Ladies' and Pastors' Union?*

It may, under such rules and regulations as shall protect the interests of the general Society.

### Reasons Why a Local Department is Desirable.

1st. It is permanent. The Ladies' and Pastors' Union depends very much upon the interest taken in it by the pastor, and some pastors do not make use of this means at all. But the Local Department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is not only permanent, but it is always ready for work, and the various needs and emergencies are promptly cared for.

2d. It is desirable as a means of interesting those (and they include both young and old) who feel either an aversion to the ordinary missionary meetings, esteeming them uninteresting and tiresome, or who, perhaps, shrink from the part they would be required to take in the programme of such a meeting.

3d. To give an opportunity to help in this cause to those who can not command the money to give, but yet desire to aid this work.

4th. The rule that any lady, young or old, can be a member of this Local Department without being also a member of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, will enable us to gain ladies who are really opposed to missionary work outside of their own neighborhood; and by the mission-

ary spirit and zeal pervading the Local Department, we may hope to win their love for the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

5th. The work of the ladies of our Church, in all its departments, has heretofore been unrecorded, and as no reports are expected, the manner of carrying on such work is usually irregular and spasmodic. Under this Local Department of the Woman's Home Missionary Society annual reports will be made to the public.

### How Can the Local Department be Carried on and yet Aid the Woman's Home Missionary Society Financially?

1st. It must be made the duty of this Department to pledge itself to a donation annually, or that a specified proportion of the money raised be paid into the treasury of the Auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

2d. It will be made easy, by the introduction of mite boxes, to enlist such ladies as are not already members of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, if each Auxiliary will make a new By-law by which holders of mite boxes can be entitled to an associate membership in the Woman's Home Missionary Society. This is especially desirable where no Auxiliary exists, and a Local Department is established.

### Suggestions Regarding the Organization of Local Departments.

Let the ladies of the Auxiliary organize a Local Department by electing a Board of Managers, with its President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and adopting rules and regulations calculated to protect and aid the interests of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

Let them also establish one or more methods of work, such as a Sewing Circle, Quarterly Teas, etc., and let them make special effort to advertise this Department among all the members of the congregation, and cordially invite all to unite in the work.

### How and Where Shall the Local Department be Reported?

1st. To the Auxiliary every quarter.

2d. To the District Manager quarterly by the Auxiliary.

3d. By the District Manager to the Conference Corresponding Secretary, and by her reported to the Annual Conference, and also to the Conference Woman's Home Missionary Society.

It is desirable to obtain permission for a tabulated statement of the Local Department to be included in the Minutes of the Annual Conference.

MRS. C. V. CULVER, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON MISSION SUPPLIES.

THE present report covers a period of eleven months. The notices sent through circulars, through our Church papers, and through our own organ, *Woman's Home Missions*, asking those in our mission fields, who are in need of aid, to apply to us, brought many touching appeals from various parts of the country.

We were somewhat apprised of the condition of things in the South. We knew that in many localities it was impossible for the colored population to make comfortable provision for their pastors. We knew that there were boys and girls, young men and young women, in our schools being educated and trained for usefulness, who could not be there were it not that they were clothed by this department. But we were not prepared for the startling facts which, for a time, almost every mail brought to us, revealing the destitution, the want, and suffering that exists, not only among our Church people, but in the homes of our ministers in many of our frontier parsonages. The country is new, and the people are poor. They have suffered from a succession of misfortunes, and in many cases are able

to do but very little for their pastors. The missionary appropriations are necessarily small. There are many families who receive only from $60 to $300 a year. This makes it necessary, not only for the father, but for the mother, in some cases, to try to do something to help eke out a bare living for the family. Hitherto they had been unwilling to make their wants known, but now had reached a point when they were compelled to do so.

Through the mediums mentioned above, in which we had asked that these wants be made known to us, we asked the Church at large to prepare to respond to them; and right nobly have they responded. Individuals, auxiliaries, and Churches have vied with each other in trying to do what they could to sustain and encourage and provide for these noble men and women who are sacrificing so much in order that Christianity may keep pace with the development of the country.

Thirty-five different Churches have each assumed the care of a minister's family. Through correspondence they are becoming interested in each other, and this labor of love is becoming a mutual blessing. We expect these friendships to strengthen with the years. We expect to see these Churches watch lovingly over the children as they grow up, and take a kindly and substantial interest in the aged minister and his wife when at last they have worn themselves out in the service of the Church, and are no longer able to serve it.

In addition, large quantities of supplies have been sent to various headquarters to be distributed by presiding elders, or those appointed by them. This will account for so much having been sent to some particular points. Thus a large number are reached who greatly need help, but whose sensitive natures will not allow them to ask for it. The things sent have, in most cases, been excellent; very many entirely new. Ladies have written us, "We are darning and mending our own and our children's clothes, so that we may be able to send the new things in our barrels." The sacred treasures that had for years been kept carefully folded away, and only brought forth to be looked at and wept over, have been kissed, and packed, and sent away. O, the joy and gladness that enters these homes with every package! They write us that before a barrel is unpacked, the whole family will kneel together around it, and thank "Our Father in Heaven" for the blessings that have come to them, and ask his blessing on the Woman's Home Missionary Society. Now the minister can give his time to the Church work, and the children can again enter school. For the present the family have been comfortably clothed. What a little thing for a Church to do, and how much each one has enjoyed it! One lady writes, "We are packing a box to go, as directed, and our hearts are being packed with the love of God." Who will say that this Church did not receive richer blessings than those to whom their little offering was sent? Let us remember that the words spoken by the Master, and by Paul, more than eighteen hundred years ago, are still true. Paul says, "I have shewed you all things, how that so laboring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive." Yes, doubtless every laborer in this department has felt amply repaid for all they have done.

While we are able to present a very large and full report, much of the work of the past two months has not yet been reported. A large number of Thanksgiving and Christmas offerings are being prepared, and will be shipped in due time.

The furnishing of our "Industrial Homes" has been another feature of our work. Some have already been furnished, and there are others which must be furnished soon.

New appeals are constantly coming for help. They come from the South, from New Mexico, from Kansas, Nebraska, Montana, Utah, and Michigan. We feel that it is not necessary to urge you to do this work, but rather that you will deem it a privilege to be permitted to engage in

it. Ministers with such limited salaries have but little money with which to purchase books; hence the many appeals that come to us for books of all kinds, especially those which may be helpful in presenting Gospel truths. Many young ministers are greatly in need of Commentaries and books belonging to the regular course of study prescribed for ministers. Here is an opportunity for doing great good—real missionary work. For are not the devoted men and women as truly doing missionary work as though they had crossed oceans, instead of rivers, prairies, and mountains, in order to reach their field of work? Let us, in all possible ways, try to sustain these faithful laborers in the vineyard of the Lord, rejoicing, if in some humble way we may be counted as co-laborers with them in trying to save souls, and in bringing the world to Christ.

We herewith present a summary statement of all the packages which have been reported to us up to the 25th of October, and also a schedule of the distribution thereof.

We would tender our thanks to the ladies who have so kindly co-operated with us in the work. We would also make special mention of the great kindness shown to us by the superintendents and managers of the various railways and express companies who have so cheerfully granted our many requests, and have, with such prompt dispatch, and without charge, forwarded our supplies to their destination; and we suggest that a vote of thanks be tendered them by this meeting.

## SUMMARY STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES

**Forwarded from December 1, 1883, to October 25, 1884, Inclusive, Compiled from Statements Furnished to this Department, and Showing the Number of Packages Reported from Within the Several Conferences, and the Estimated Values Thereof.**

| NAMES OF CONFERENCES. | No. pkgs. | Estimat'd value. | NAMES OF CONFERENCES. | No. pkgs. | Estimat'd value. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Central New York, | 11 | $489 24 | New York, | 3 | $74 90 |
| Central Ohio, | 21 | 639 20 | New York East, | 1 | 75 00 |
| Central Pennsylvania, | 2 | 36 00 | North Indiana, | 3 | 20 44 |
| Cincinnati, | 38 | 1,302 39 | Northern New York, | 2 | 155 66 |
| Detroit, | 10 | 356 79 | North Ohio, | 15 | 568 04 |
| Erie, | 16 | 724 01 | Ohio, | 6 | 327 50 |
| East Ohio, | 4 | 125 75 | Philadelphia, | 1 | 50 00 |
| Genesee, | 2 | 25 00 | Pittsburg, | 3 | 84 80 |
| Iowa, | 1 | 60 00 | Rock River, | 21 | 561 25 |
| Kentucky, | 1 | 50 00 | South-east Indiana, | 2 | 83 13 |
| Michigan, | 2 | 64 25 | Troy, | 8 | 300 75 |
| Newark, | 5 | 225 00 | Upper Iowa, | 3 | 44 87 |
| New England, | 36 | 828 43 | Vermont, | 4 | 72 10 |
| New England Southern, | 5 | 189 00 | Wyoming, | 3 | 116 00 |
| New Hampshire, | 3 | 53 25 | Unclassified, | 1 | 12 00 |
| New Jersey, | 1 | 150 00 | | 236 | $7,869 97 |

## STATEMENT OF THE VARIOUS LOCALITIES

**To which Supplies have been Sent from December 1, 1883, to October 25, 1884, Inclusive, as Shown on the Books of the Supply Department.**

| NAMES OF PLACES. | No. pkgs. | Estimat'd value. | NAMES OF PLACES. | No. pkgs. | Estimat'd value. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Allardt, Tenn., | 2 | $15 00 | Baton Rouge, La., | 1 | $40 00 |
| Alma, Neb., | 4 | 187 70 | Bay City, Mich, | 1 | 85 90 |
| Albuquerque, N. Mex., | 1 | 12 00 | Beaver, Utah, | 1 | 35 00 |
| Atlanta, Ga., | 18 | 353 83 | Beaver City, Neb., | 1 | 42 50 |
| Arkansas, | 1 | 61 09 | Boyne Falls, Mich., | 1 | 14 25 |
| Austin, Texas, | 2 | 27 00 | Bozeman, Montana, | 1 | 60 00 |
| Bad Axe, Mich., | 1 | 36 80 | Brown City, Mich., | 1 | 32 07 |

| NAMES OF PLACES. | No. pkgs. | Estimat'd value. |
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| Columbus, Miss., | 1 | $15 10 |
| Douglas Grove, Neb., | 2 | 100 00 |
| Downington, Mich., | 1 | 18 02 |
| Emporia, Kansas, | 1 | 54 00 |
| General distribution, | 3 | 49 20 |
| Gainesville, Ga., | 1 | 7 00 |
| Glendale, Mont., | 1 | 50 00 |
| Glenmary, Tenn., | 2 | 13 85 |
| Greensboro, N. C., | 1 | 21 64 |
| Greenville, S. C., | 1 | 25 90 |
| Griffin, Ga., | 3 | 76 80 |
| Holly Springs, Miss., | 8 | 341 17 |
| Inman's, Neb., | 2 | 47 75 |
| Jacksonville, Fla., | 1 | 45 00 |
| Johnstown, Neb., | 1 | 50 00 |
| Kearney, Neb., | 4 | 285 10 |
| Ketchum, Idaho, | 3 | 135 80 |
| Lambert, Neb., | 1 | 92 50 |
| Lincoln, Neb., | 1 | 5 00 |
| Little Rock, Ark., | 7 | 208 00 |
| Loup City, Neb., | 4 | 183 75 |
| Mitchell, Dakota, | 1 | 33 12 |
| Morristown, Tenn., | 3 | 210 66 |
| Murfreesboro, Tenn., | 9 | 204 00 |
| Nashville, Tenn., | 1 | 29 75 |
| New Orleans, La., | 8 | 69 25 |
| Norfolk, Neb., | 2 | $30 00 |
| Norwood, Mich., | 1 | 35 43 |
| O'Neil City, Neb., | 20 | 1,180 46 |
| Orangeburg, S. C., | 18 | 642 44 |
| Osborne, Kansas, | 2 | 30 02 |
| Park City, Utah, | 1 | 40 00 |
| Peck, Mich., | 1 | 39 77 |
| Petoskey, Mich., | 1 | 32 40 |
| Port Hope, Mich., | 1 | 30 07 |
| Rogers, Ark., | 3 | 40 00 |
| St Ignace, Mich., | 2 | 77 26 |
| Salt Lake City, Utah, | 7 | 180 40 |
| Sandusky, Mich., | 1 | 52 80 |
| Savannah, Ga., | 24 | 454 98 |
| Sargent, Neb., | 1 | 79 00 |
| Sedalia Mission, Mo., | 1 | 10 00 |
| St. Paul, Neb., | 1 | 10 00 |
| Stuart, Neb., | 8 | 477 38 |
| Tooele, Utah, | 3 | 51 00 |
| Traverse City, Mich., | 23 | 826 20 |
| Tyre, Mich., | 1 | 50 00 |
| Waynesboro, Ga., | 1 | 17 35 |
| Whitman's, Texas, | 3 | 104 81 |
| | 236 | $7,869 97 |

MRS. J. L. WHETSTONE, *Superintendent of Department.*

## REPORT ON TRAINING-SCHOOL.

THE work of the Training-school has been only tentative. At the Annual Meeting of the Society for the year 1882-3 the Committee on Finance and Mission Fields voted an appropriation of $1,000 as a nucleus for the development of such a project. The action of this committee was confirmed by the Executive Board, and a committee of three appointed to have charge of the work. As it had been decided that the school should be located in the city of Chicago, Mrs. Marcy was appointed Chairman of the committee, with power to appoint other members of the same. Other ladies living in or near Chicago were chosen on the committee, and two, Mrs. J. B. Hobbs and Mrs. L. A. Hagans, delegated to visit the Baptist Training-school, inquire into its methods and means, and to look after any favorable opportunity to secure property in a desirable location. This has been accomplished with great credit to the ladies thus employed.

In addition to our efforts as a committee, we have received a special appeal from ladies engaged in benevolent work among the neglected classes in the city, asking for our co-operation. They say: "We are really a department of Home Mission work, and the locating of the Home Missionary Training-school of the M. E. Church in this city seems most opportune for the needs of our work." From other sources we have also received earnest expression of the urgent need of such a class of workers as the school would furnish for the local work. To those who are acquainted with the barest statistics of our city's population it will be apparent that, though there were no ulterior design, there is sufficient reason for the immediate establishment of such a school in such a locality.

In the May number of *The Woman's Home Missions* the Training-school was named as a fit object for the centennial offering of the Woman's

Home Missionary Society. What we now ask of this meeting is that this suggestion may be approved, and measures taken for collections by the issue of cards on the plan of the Utah school cards, and that we thus begin at this grand epoch of Methodism to lay *in silver* foundations wide and deep for the redemption of our great inland city, and our broad and beautiful land.

MRS. E. E. MARCY, *Chairman.*

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL HOMES.

THE Committee, consisting of one representative from each Conference, met and organized with Mrs. Col. Springer, Chairman, and Mrs. C. G. Boughton, Secretary. Mrs. Rust called attention to the needs of the Industrial Homes, and asked suggestions in regard to requisite cost of furnishing the same. On motion, a sub-committee was appointed to submit a plan for furnishing said Homes, as follows: Mesdames Rust, Mather, Whetstone, Goff, Gammon, Kent, Morse.

The nomination of officers was then called for, and resulted as follows: (See pages 2, 4, and 5.) The President, Mrs. Rutherford B. Hayes, and the first Vice-President, Mrs. John Davis, were renominated by acclamation and a rising vote.

On the nomination of the Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust, she declared it impossible to attempt a continuation of the overwhelming labors of the past two years; and to lighten somewhat her heavy burden the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That, in consideration of the arduous duties of our Corresponding Secretary, we recommend that an Assistant be appointed by the Executive Board.

The Sub-committee on Industrial Homes reported the following resolution, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, We recommend that such Homes be furnished neatly, economically, and substantially; and that Mrs. Wm. Runyan, Mrs. J. L. Whetstone, and Mrs. J. H. Bayliss be a standing committee to make more specific suggestions on furnishing to the Executive Board.

MRS. COL. SPRINGER, *Chairman.*

MRS. C. G. BOUGHTON, *Secretary.*

## REPORT ON MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

YOUR Committee on Missionary Candidates report that during the year they have received applications from thirty ladies who were all anxious, and many of them very eager, to engage in some of the various works which our Society has in charge. Quite a number of the seventeen who applied last year have notified us that, though they are now engaged elsewhere, they are anxiously watching for an opening that will admit them to our work.

This work appeals to the hearts of women as no other can. As they become better informed in regard to the condition and needs of our land they are becoming more and more interested in trying to help do the work that comes to them with such strong appeals from every quarter. They are realizing their own responsibilities as never before. As one has truly said, "the women of our Church seem to be awakening, as it were, with one wild, glad cry, feeling that in all these years they have been going across the waters, caring for those that they knew not, while their own children were perishing at their feet."

We rejoice that, in obedience to the command, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," our hearts, our missionaries, and our money have gone out to those who were sitting "in the region and shadow of death." The Master will say, "These ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone." Let us rejoice that

the Church has at last aroused from its lethargy, and that it may escape the curse pronounced on those who neglect their own households.

Yes, the fields are not only white for the harvest, but earnest, consecrated laborers are ready to enter them. A goodly number are already at their posts doing faithful work for Christ and humanity. Their labors have been greatly blessed. Through their instrumentality many souls have been saved. Others anxiously await the action of this meeting.

When God so moves upon the hearts of his children to do this work for him, shall we not each of us regard it as his call to us to renew our diligence, and to do what we can in order that those who would so gladly do this work be not hindered through our remissness, and that not only other lands, but our own fair land, may be brought to him.

MRS. JOHN L. WHETSTONE, *Chairman.*

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REPORT ON RESOLUTIONS.

*Resolved*, 1. That we extend to our beloved President, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, our hearty thanks for the amiable manner in which she has presided, and for her words of welcome to the delegates; and that we also tender to Mrs. J. Davis our most sincere thanks for the very efficient manner in which she has presided at the business sessions of the convention:

2. That we acknowledge with gratitude our indebtedness to our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. R. S. Rust, and our Treasurer, Mrs. A. R. Clark, for the cheerful performance of the arduous duties imposed upon them by their respective offices. That we also express our appreciation of the services of the Secretaries of this meeting, Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Mrs. F. A. Aiken, and Mrs. W. A. Ingham, for the satisfactory way in which they have discharged their laborious duties.

3. That we most heartily thank Mrs. J. L. Whetstone. Superintendent of the Department of Supplies, for her faithful performance of the labors imposed upon her by that office.

4. That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the ladies of Cleveland for their hospitality in opening their homes to the delegates; to Mrs. Cory and her noble band of ladies for the generous repasts served to us daily; to the trustees and pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church who have kindly placed this beautiful edifice at our disposal; to the janitor for his attention and faithfulness.

5. That our hearty thanks be extended to Mrs. Jos. Knapp, the sweet singer of Brooklyn, and all others who have contributed music for this occasion.

6. That we return thanks to the press for courtesies, and to the various railroad companies who have favored our delegates with most generous reductions.

7. That as the Mormon Church is sending out its missionaries to win recruits from the humbler classes in European countries, we recommend that this Society address memorials of warning to the proper authorities in those countries, and that a *Committee on Memorials* be appointed to prepare and send these memorials as soon after the adjournment of this meeting as possible, and make their report through our paper, *Woman's Home Missions.*

8. As the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is one of the most efficient factors in the christianizing of our country, and as it early extended to this Society its hearty recognition, we recommend that the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church send to the women of the Temperance Union its warmest greeting; and, further,

9. That we specially commend their late action in ordering temperance work to be done among our Indians, who have suffered long and severely from the liquor traffic.

10. That above all we thank God for the blessing he has poured out upon us here, giving to the people loving, grateful, *responsive* hearts, making this meeting a true indorsement of our work, and a most glorious promise for the future.

MRS. W. F. KELLER, MRS. D. G. STRONG,
MRS. C. G. BOUGHTON, MRS. R. B. POPE.

## REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION.

I HAVE the pleasure of informing you of the action of the railroad companies who have kindly consented to return delegates and members of this convention at reduced rates, and have issued certificates to that effect. The Bee Line, C. C. C. and I; Cincinnati Southern; Ohio and Mississippi; Michigan Central; Columbus and Mount Vernon; Pennsylvania, Pittsburg, and St. Louis; Lake Shore and Michigan Southern; New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio.

I have been corresponding with the General Agents of the Missouri Pacific; Chicago and North-western; and Michigan Central, but regret to say that no definite arrangements have thus far been made.

The General Agents of all these companies have been very courteous and obliging, and have done all in their power to aid the ladies in obtaining reduced rates. It has been very difficult to obtain all we desired.

Allow me to suggest that hereafter a *local* committee on transportation shall be appointed in the place where the Convention is held to co-operate with your committee at Cincinnati. It is impossible otherwise to transfer passengers over all the roads.

MRS. W. M. AMPT, *Chariman.*

## REPORT ON INDUSTRIAL EXHIBIT.

THE Committee appointed to consider the propriety of securing at New Orleans, in connection with the educational exhibit, recognition of the industrial feature of our mission work, respectfully reports:

1. That, with the favorable circumstances suggested by General Eaton, a special building with suites of rooms adapted to the class representation of nursing, kindergarten, kitchen gardening, and cooking, each of these specialties to be in the care of an association of ladies competent to make the department a success, it may be very advantageous to the Society to co-operate and furnish an additional class with training in sewing and dress-making. This building would then include, under one roof, an exhibit of the several modes of training which the Woman's Home Missionary Society proposes to furnish in its Industrial Homes, and this exhibition might insure favorable recognition of the work of the Society, and generous aid in its behalf.

2. That we recommend the appointment of a committee consisting of Mrs. R. S. Rust, Chairman, Mrs. R. B. Hayes, Mrs. John Davis, Mrs. L. D. McCabe, and Mrs. W. A. Ingham, to consider the expediency of such an enterprise; and, if they find it advisable, to provide for the same.

MRS. R. S. RUST, *Chairman.*

MRS. W. H. WILSON, *Secretary.*

## REPORT ON FINANCE AND MISSION FIELDS.

THE Committee on Finance and Mission Fields make the following recommendations:

1. That a Bureau of Organization be constituted to consist of (1) the Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board; (2) the Corresponding Secretaries of the Conferences; (3) the Managers who are the District Corresponding Secretaries; (4) the Secretary of the Bureau. That

the Secretary of the Bureau be entitled to a seat and voice in the General Executive Board, and be required to report monthly to that Board.

2. That auxiliary Societies be urged to raise a contingent fund to be used for defraying expenses in carrying on the work of the Conference. [At the meeting of the Executive Board next succeeding the Annual Meeting the following action was taken bearing on the above recommendation: *Resolved*, That, in conformity with the action of the Annual Meeting, we recommend that an amount equal to at least five cents per member be raised by each auxiliary to be used in the extension of the work within the bounds of the Conference, and to be disbursed by the Conference Board for the payment of Conference expenses.]

3. That the sum of $2,500 be appropriated to frontier work in the Michigan Conference, provided that amount be paid into the general treasury from that Conference; or that whatever sum is paid into the general treasury by that Conference be appropriated to frontier work within its bounds.

4. That the sum of $2,500 be appropriated to frontier work in the Detroit Conference, provided that amount be paid into the general treasury from that Conference; or that any sum equal to the amount paid into the general treasury by that Conference be appropriated to said work.

5. That $500 be appropriated to work in the mining districts within the bounds of the Pittsburg Conference, provided $1,000 be paid into the general treasury from that Conference; or that one-half of any amount paid into the general treasury by that Conference be appropriated to said work.

6. That the sum of $2,000, or any sum equal to the amount paid into the general treasury by the New England Southern Conference, be appropriated to the building of an Industrial Home for girls at Camden, South Carolina.

7. That the sum of $2,000, or any sum equal to the amount paid into the general treasury by the Troy Conference, be appropriated to the building of an Industrial Home at Greensboro, North Carolina.

8. That the sum of $1,000 be appropriated to the building of an Industrial Home at Orangeburg, South Carolina, on condition that it be raised as a special fund by the Philadelphia Conference.

9. That an appropriation of $1,250 be made for the building of an Industrial School at Atlanta, Georgia, to supplement a gift for the same purpose by Mrs. E. H. Gammon, of Batavia, Illinois.

10. That the sum of $5,000 be appropriated to the building of Lucy Hayes school-houses and teachers among Scandinavians in Utah.

11. That, in view of the providential openings for our work among the Indians of the West, we appropriate $1,000 to Indian work, to be applied at points to be determined by the Executive Board.

12. That, should the Erie Conference Board wish to undertake a mission work among the Seneca Indians living within the bounds of that Conference, and should they receive the approval of the General Executive Board in such undertaking, they be permitted to do so in the use of a special fund provided by that Conference for that purpose.

13. That the Woman's Missionary Society of the Pacific coast be invited to organize auxiliaries under the constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society during the coming year; and that a committee consisting of Mesdames Gibson and Goodall, of California, and Rust and Bayliss, of Ohio, be appointed to confer as to conditions of Union, and report at the next Annual Meeting.

14. That a centennial work of the Society be to secure a fund to be used for building a Missionary Training-school in Chicago, to be called the Simpson Memorial School. That the Executive Board issue ten-dollar and twenty-dollar cards for use in securing this fund. [At the meeting of the Executive Board next succeeding the Annual Meeting the following interests were also recommended as objects of centennial offerings, viz.: The Savannah Industrial Home, the Salt Lake Industrial Home, the Lucy

Hayes School-house Fund, the Opening of new Industrial Work in the South.]

15. That a hearty indorsement be given to our organ, *Home Missions*. We urge our ladies to endeavor greatly to increase the subscription list, and to make an effort to secure advertisements in such numbers as to enable the publisher to use an advertising cover. We advise that the paper be kept at its present low price of twenty-five cents per annum.

### Summary of Appropriations.

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| Orangeburg, S. C.—Industrial Home (Conditional), | $1,000 |
| Furnishing, | 200 |
| Matron, | 300 |
| Total, | $1,500 |
| Camden, S. C.—Industrial Home (Conditional), | 2,000 |
| Greensboro, N. C.—Industrial Home (Conditional), | $2,500 |
| Matron, | 300 |
| Total, | $2,800 |
| Atlanta, Ga.—Model Home, | $3,000 |
| Matron, | 300 |
| Total, | $3,300 |
| Savannah, Ga.—School and Industrial Home, | $5,000 |
| Three teachers, | 900 |
| Total, | $5,900 |
| Holly Springs, Miss.—Industrial Home, | $2,200 |
| Matron, | 300 |
| Total, | $2,500 |
| Morristown, Tenn.—Industrial Home (Conditional), | $1,500 |
| Teacher, | 100 |
| Total, | $1,600 |
| Jacksonville, Fla.—Furnishing Industrial Home, | $200 |
| Matron, | 300 |
| Total, | $500 |
| Little Rock—Matron, | $300 |
| New Orleans—Teachers, | 800 |
| Texas—For the Extension of the Work, | 300 |
| Southern White Work, | 500 |
| Indian Work, | 1,000 |
| Utah—Salt Lake—Four teachers, | 1,600 |
| Utah—Scandinavian Work, | 5,000 |
| New Mexico, | 800 |
| Beneficiaries, | 1,000 |
| Michigan Conference (Conditional), | 2,500 |
| Detroit Conference (Conditional), | 2,500 |
| Pittsburg Conference (Conditional), | 500 |
| Total, | $36,900 |

Mrs. E. E. Marcy, *Secretary.* Mrs. W. G. Williams, *Chairman.*

# REPORTS FROM BUREAUS.

## REPORT FROM BUREAU FOR INDIANS.

IN 1830 a band of Indians from the North-west crossed the Rocky Mountains, visited St. Louis, and, in Indian phrase, asked for "The Light and the Book." The whole Church was thrilled by the appeal and poured out men and money in response. The Methodist Church sent missionaries to these neglected and much wronged home heathen who crossed the Rocky Mountains, and after severe hardships established a prosperous mission among the Flathead Indians in Oregon. A few years later it was abandoned, and since then unprincipled traders have had every thing their own way in that region.

The Society now has no missions among the aborigines, but three favorable openings for work are reported. A minister from the Ohio Conference, until lately laboring at the Klamath Agency, makes a most urgent appeal for a lady missionary to go from house to house and teach Christ to the women. Many of them have no ideas, he writes, of decency or virtue, and the presence of the United States soldiers only increases the abasement of these poor women. Another opening is at Pine Ridge Agency, Dakota. The Government Inspector, General Howard, says that the Indians are now ready for the white man's God and the white man's ways. They say that the Great Spirit has taken the buffalo, the white man has taken his land, and nothing remains to the poor Indian. But "his extremity is God's opportunity." Another rich field inviting our labor is among the Pawnees, of Indian Territory, who are now without schools or missionaries, as are sixty-seven other tribes. MRS. L. D. MCCABE, *Secretary.*

## REPORT FROM BUREAU FOR NEW MEXICO AND ARIZONA.

FROM information received we are satisfied there is no field in the United States where greater need for school facilities exists than in New Mexico and Arizona. A few schools judiciously planted here and there would no doubt accomplish a large amount of good. The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has done a good work among the Spanish Romanists in Old Mexico, and we desire to see similar results among the same kind of people in New Mexico.

We ask our Board of Managers, as soon as practicable, to establish their work among the neglected people in these territories. Rev. Mr. Harwood, Superintendent of Missions in New Mexico, recommends a *school-work* with industrial training. Also Bishops Bowman and Foss suggest an orphanage where native Mexican girls may be trained for missionaries and teachers among their own people. There are also many Indians in these territories who are asking to be taught the white man's ways. Rev. Dr. Read, of the Baptist Church, who has been doing service as a missionary for many years, and has traveled extensively through these regions, says there is no more inviting and encouraging field for missionary efforts than is found among the native Indian tribes in these sections and in Old Mexico. Especially are Christian women needed to visit the homes which are closed to men. "I am rejoiced to know," he says, "that the Methodist women are planning to enter this neglected field. Surely the Lord is calling them." Other denominations have schools established in New Mexico which have been productive of great good.

Can not we establish a mission school in the year 1885? We only need *means* to do so. Who will make a centennial offering for such a

school in New Mexico or Arizona—a monument to Methodism—through the Woman's Home Missionary Society? MRS. A. R. CLARK, *Secretary.*

## REPORT FROM BUREAU FOR ILLITERATE WHITE PEOPLE IN THE SOUTH.

SOON after receiving my appointment as Secretary of this Bureau I wrote to the ladies composing the Bureau and received replies from about one-half of them. These all reported abundant opportunities for work in the part of the Master's vineyard lying about them.

Knowing full well that the calls on the treasury of the Woman's Home Missionary Society are very numerous and pressing, I have decided to confine my report to the needs and openings found in a single city, hoping thereby to secure the interest and assistance of those who meet to plan the work of the coming year.

In the Fifth Ward, in South Chattanooga, live a larger number of the class mentioned in this Bureau than in any other place in East Tennessee. The Holston Conference has a mission station including this section. The minister in charge of this, Rev. J. D. Drake, Mrs. Rev. T. C. Carter, wife of the editor of the *Methodist Advocate*, and others have furnished me the facts concerning this place, and we most earnestly ask that you will ponder them well. In this ward are found hundreds of children that may truly be designated *a neglected class*, and if the neglect continues it will very soon be as truly a very *dangerous* class. Many of the parents are destitute of all moral principle, and are addicted to all manner of vices. They are unable to teach their children those things most needful for them to know because they are ignorant of their own duties to God and to their children. In this one locality more than a hundred children can be found any Sabbath who know nothing of a Sunday-school or of God's command to "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

Now, my dear sisters, I want to lay this neglected people upon your hearts, and I ask and beseech you to make an appropriation to support at least one missionary among this class of people for whom little or nothing has yet been done. In accordance with my suggestion some Methodist ladies in the city have organized an auxiliary of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and are doing all they can to prepare the way for the opening of some kind of an Industrial School. This is an absolute necessity if we expect to accomplish a genuine uplifting of these people. It is quite probable that a suitable person to take charge of this work can be found in Chattanooga, and I am sure a goodly number can be found who will gladly assist in forwarding its interests; but there should be some one who can give her full time and best efforts to it. For the present I am told that the school could probably be gathered in the hall used by the mission for religious services, but we ought to make provision for paying a share of the rent.

In conclusion, I entreat the members of the Executive Committee not to be indifferent to this Macedonian cry, but to make a beginning here *at once.* With proper effort many of these children may be saved from ruin here and hereafter, but if suffered to grow up with only evil influences about them they will erelong become an embodiment of evil and of appalling wickedness.

Our friends in Chattanooga will await anxiously your decision, earnestly praying that it may be in harmony with the will of our loving, Heavenly Father. MRS. A. C. KNIGHT, *Secretary.*

## REPORT FROM BUREAU FOR MORMONS.

HAVING furnished an outline of needs in educational lines throughout the Territory, in another paper, I will here give a review of the labors of your Missionary, Mrs. I. S. Spurlock, in Salt Lake City. Mrs. Spurlock ar-

rived in that city the latter part of April, 1884, and early in May began her personal visitation in Mormon families. The wisdom of the serpent and the harmlessness of the dove are nowhere more essential to success than in missionary effort in Utah. To-day Mrs. Spurlock is a welcome guest in many homes where the testimony of the *true* Gospel first fell from her consecrated lips. She is the comforter of many who have watched through days and years for the coming of one who should interpret the "mysterious command of Christ" for the division of the heart's affection.

The measure of her usefulness is expressed in a private letter from Rev. Bro. Iliff, from which we make the following extract: "Mrs. Spurlock is doing grandly; I do not see how it is possible to surpass her ability in the line of work she is doing." A month later he writes, "Sister Spurlock is doing grander service all the time; this ought to be her life-work." Demands are made for her services in various parts of the Territory. She has just completed a tour of our Mission Stations, and doubtless will personally report to you her observations. She has fulfilled the time for which she agreed to labor without salary. If she is continued in the field, I think she should receive salary henceforth. It was my privilege to organize a Woman's Home Missionary Society in the Methodist Episcopal Church in Salt Lake City, which will prove an efficient agency for the execution of plans of work in Utah. The ladies are ready and willing to co-operate with the authorities at Cincinnati. They have, under different auspices, already rendered much financial aid in furnishing the Salt Lake Seminary.

In the line of extension of work, I will simply affirm the statement of Bro. Iliff, "There are twenty towns in the Cache Valley alone where we could open schools, and send city missionaries to-day. The Valley is a small portion of the Territory, but contains 20,000 Mormons.

Shakespeare, in the 16th century, looking into the historic past, wrote,

> "There is a tide in the affairs of men,
> Which, taken at the flood, leads on to fortune;
> Omitted, all the voyage of their life
> Is bound in shallows, and in miseries."

In this meridian of the 19th century we, looking into the future, write,

> There is a tide in the affairs of WOMEN,
> Which, taken at the flood, leads on—
> "On such a *full* sea are *we now afloat*,
> And we must *take* the *current when it serves*,
> *Or lose our ventures.*"

MRS. ANGIE F. NEWMAN, *Secretary.*

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## REPORT FROM BUREAU FOR WESTERN AND NORTH-WESTERN FRONTIERS ON SUPPLIES.

As each mission-box, before transportation on its errand of mercy (a blessing, by reflex influence, often as great to the sender as to the receiver) must be reported to the General Superintendent, and not to me, I am not informed as to the amount sent or received on the frontier. Almost immediately after receiving the Annual Reports, I forwarded a marked copy, accompanied with a letter, to each member of my Bureau, asking for advice and suggestions. With two exceptions, I have not heard from them, and conclude that I was unfortunate in selecting those who must have removed to some other country, and so have not learned of our great need of their help.

The Society formed at Delmar Junction, August 4th, found time to piece and make a quilt, and to prepare other necessary articles for clothing and comfort, and sent a well-filled box before Conference, October 3d. The ladies of Cedar Falls Auxiliary propose looking after a superannuated member of the Upper Iowa Conference, who, with his wife, living alone, have "scarcely tasted beef-steak, but often have lived on corn-meal and

water." A gentleman learning that the ladies proposed to assist these worthy people, offered to aid liberally. The same Auxiliary take charge of a family in Nebraska, as do also the Auxiliaries at Mason City and Muscatine, while Dubuque will send offerings from time to time. Anamosa has a second box ready to send at this time (Oct. 28th).

A minister told me, last month, that when in the Tennessee Conference he received $21 from his Church and $50 from the Missionary Society, and, though he sawed wood every day, the wolf so nearly devoured his wife and children that for one week nothing could be obtained for food but corn-meal and water. His mother took the wife and babies home for two months and a half, and during their absence, three days passed in which he did not taste food, for lack of money to buy a mouthful. Yet during this time he walked long distances, and preached three times each Sunday. But now, though four hundred miles must be traveled before reaching his appointment in Nebraska, he was full of hope as he received last year $172 from his Church and the Missionary Society, and by working hard every day, was able to keep his wife and three children quite comfortable. "But," he said, "you noticed my Presiding Elder censured me as 'not being a man of one work,' to which I could but reply, I have read in an old-fashioned Book, 'He that provideth not for his own household has denied the faith, and is worse than an infidel.'" A large number of the ministers in the Nebraska Conference receive less than $100 per year for their services.

An appeal was written to me by Rev. M. Kistler, from Albuquerque, New Mexico, and, although not in my department, our Anamosa Auxiliary, which never fails to meet its dues promptly, decided that if the General Executive Board thought best, we would give $7 to that Mission. While much is being done in this Department, there is still great need for help; and well may those who are indifferent inquire, "How shall we stand in the presence of the compassionate Lord, if we have refused the 'cup of cold water' to one of his needy disciples?"

MRS. COL. SPRINGER, *Secretary.*

## REPORT FROM BUREAU FOR COLORED PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH.

THOSE visiting the Southern States will quickly recognize the vicinity of a good school by the general bearing and improved appearance of the colored people. They gladly avail themselves of school privileges, and make sacrifices to obtain an education that would put to the blush our more favored Northern students. The enforced absence of individual responsibility in questions of social life, and practical duty, during more than two hundred years of the past history of the race in this country, renders moral training essential to the highest improvement of the blessings of freedom. This is especially true of the women, on whom the curse of slavery fell with most crushing weight. They realize their needs and gladly accept instruction from those in whom they have confidence. In several of the Conferences, notably in those of Louisiana and Texas, these poor women, most of whom are unable to read, and are entirely inexperienced in such work, have organized Auxiliaries of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, and by wonderful perseverance and sacrifices have raised considerable sums of money, with which they have provided schools for their children, have sustained helpless orphans, aged and infirm people, and have aided in the burial of the dead. They only need intelligent guidance to enable them to develop an important enterprise in the line of self-helpfulness, and we recommend the employment of Missionary Secretaries for several of these Conferences, whose duty shall be to visit and organize the women in the individual charges, instruct them in methods of work, and thus secure a wise expenditure of the funds.

MRS. R. S. RUST, *Secretary.*

# REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

Mrs. A. R. CLARK, in Account with the Woman's Home Missionary Society,

November 1, 1883, to November 1, 1884.

## RECEIPTS FROM CONFERENCES.

### Cincinnati Conference.

MRS. WM. FISHER, Secretary. MRS. JAMES DALE, Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Cincinnati: Trinity (including $33.82 from Home Mission Band), $402.19; Mt. Auburn (including Mrs. J. L. Whetstone's donation of $187.70), $200.70; Asbury (including $30.00 from Young People's Band, and $3.50 from Early Blossoms), $41.50; Avondale, $10.00; Walnut Hills, $35.00; Lebanon, $4.50; Xenia, First Church, $48.08; Cheerful Workers, $11.00.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Cincinnati: St. Paul, $65.00; York Street, $85.00; McLean, $8.96; Fairmount, $5.00 (Juvenile Band of Boys); Pleasant Ridge, $70.00 (including $5.00 from the Young Ladies' Society); Delhi, $8.38; Sugar Valley, $11.75; Hartwell, $16.00; Wesleyan College Young Ladies' Society, $19.00.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Dayton, Grace Church, "Thoburn Circle," $20.00; Middletown, $21.00.

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.—Cedarville, $3.00; South Charleston, $27.27; Urbana, Grace Church, $15.00.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.—Hillsboro, $13.75.

OTHER SOURCES.—Cincinnati Conference Collections, $42.87; Rev. J. J. McCabe, $3.80. Total, $1,188.75.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Cincinnati, Walnut Hills, $55.00; Morrow, $20.00; Xenia, First Church, $1.50.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Cincinnati, York Street, $10.00; Hartwell, $10.00.

DAYTON DISTRICT.—Dayton, Grace Church, Bequest of Mrs. Thomas Parrott (through Mrs. Dr. Pearne), $100.00; Middletown, $12.25.

Total, $208.75.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Mt. Auburn, $23.70; Walnut Hills, $15.00; Young Ladies' Society, $25.00; Lebanon, Young Ladies' Society, $40.00; Boys' Juvenile Society, $10.00.

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Hartwell, $27.00.

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.—Hillsboro, Rev. J. F. Loyd, $30.00.

Total, $170.70.

*Special Fund.—To be used in the Extension of the Work as requested by Donors.*—EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—Trinity, $20.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home); Mt. Auburn, $40.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home); Walnut Hills, $65.00 ($20.00 to Salt Lake Industrial Home, $45.00 to Savannah Home); Loveland Camp Band, $12.00 (to Savannah Home).

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.—St. Paul, $206.25, including $101.25 from "Home Lights" (to Salt Lake Industrial Home); York Street, $40.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home); Fairmount, "Lucy Hayes Mission Band," $20.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home); Newtown, Miss Kate Hogan,

$6.00 (to Savannah Home); Hartwell, $20.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home).

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.—Hillsboro, Rev. S. W. Edmiston, $375.00 (to the education of a teacher for Mission Work in the South). Total, $804.25.

Grand total, . . . . . $2,372.45.

*Honorary Patrons,*—Mrs. F. S. Hoyt, Rev. S. W. Edmiston, Mrs. A. R. Clark.

*Honorary Managers,*—Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Mrs. M. T. Carey, Mrs. C. S. Weatherby, Mrs. T. H. Pearne.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. F. A. Aiken, Master Wiley Bushong, Mrs. Lydia Eggleston, Mrs. Susan Hopper, Mrs. Ruth Bates, Mrs. I. W. Joyce, Mrs. Edward Sargent, Mrs. Minnie S. McNeal, Mrs. A. H. Gillett, Miss C. E. Alimony, Mrs. M. M. Brown, Rev. J. J. Reed, Mrs. P. S. Dyer, Rev. I. W. Joyce, Mrs. Reuben Sherwood, Mrs. Wm. Glenn, Mrs. F. W. Shafer, Mrs. F. G. Mitchell, Mrs. S. O. Royal, Mrs. G. T. Weaver, Mrs. D. J. Starr, Mrs. J. A. Story, Miss Nellie Larkin.

### Central Ohio Conference.

MRS. W. G. WILLIAMS, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Delaware, William Street, $57.42; "Lucy Hayes Band," $5.28; Anna, $5.30; De Graff, $43.00; Hardin, $12.00; Quincy, $23.75; Sidney, $47.75; Marion, $21.25; Marysville, $4.43; Upper Sandusky, $10.00; Bowling Green, $25.21; Defiance, $37.62; Fremont, $30.00; Ada, $44.17; Belle Centre, Young Ladies' Society, $7.50; Freeport, $1.00; Toledo, St, Paul's, $45.75; Willing Workers, $16.23. Total, $437.66.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Ada, $7.00; Marysville, $7.05. Total, $14.05.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—Defiance, $15.00. Total, $15.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Delaware, William Street, $60.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home); Lucy Hayes Band, $3.30 (to Savannah Home); Sidney, $25.00 (to Savannah Home); Upper Sandusky, $10.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home). Total, $98.30.

Grand total . . . . . $565.01.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. L. D. McCabe, Mrs. W. G. Williams, Mrs. Chas. H. Payne, Mrs. A. C. Barnes, Mrs. C. B. Squire.

### Central New York Conference.

MRS. H. F. SPENCER, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Milo Centre, $12.00; Ithaca, Aurora Street, $29.00; Auburn: First Church, $53.30; Wall Street, $19.00; Penn Yan, $47.55; Elmira, First Church, $46.00; Hedding, $15.00; Trumansburg, $11.75; Conference Collection, $30.67. Total, $264.27.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Penn Yan, $5.00; Ithaca, $10.00. Total, $15.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Syracuse, $35.00 (to Holly Springs, for furnishing room); Syracuse, Centenary Church, $20.00 (to Savannah Industrial Home); Ithaca, Aurora Street, $5.00 (to Savannah Home), $5.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home); Penn Yan, Thank Offering, $5.10 (to Savannah Home). Total, $70.15.

Grand total, . . . . . $349.42.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. Willard, Mrs. Pelton.

### Central Illinois Conference.

— —— ——, Secretary.

*To General Fund.*—Tiskilwa, $11.00. Total, $11.00.

### Central Pennsylvania Conference.

Miss Georgie Gearhart, Secretary.

*To General Fund.*—Chambersburg, $3.75. Total, $3.75.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Chambersburg, Juvenile Society, $45.00. Total, $45.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $48.75.

### Detroit Conference.

Mrs. H. W. Rogers, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Detroit Central Church, $10.00. Total, $10.00.

### Des Moines Conference.

Mrs. V. N. Moore, Secretary. Mrs. F. M. Byrkit, Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Des Moines Conference Collection, $4.83; Hamburg, "Woman's Working Society," $34.55. Total, $39.38.

### East Ohio Conference.

Mrs. J. B. Cory, Secretary. Mrs. W. H. Wilson, Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Ashtabula, $15.00; Akron, $83.57; Bridgeport, $8.75; Cleveland, Central Church, $25.00; Concord and East Palestine, $3.00; Cadiz, $27.00; Coshocton, $34.22; Forest Hill, $6.75; Geneva, $29.25; Hanover, $1.00; Kelloggsville, $1.00; Mayfield, $15.00; Martin's Ferry, $6.64; Newton Falls, $3.50; Painesville Seminary, Young Ladies' Society, $13.05; Salem, $11.50; Saybrook, $22.00; Tallmadge, $8.00; West Lafayette, $25.00; Offerings, $2.00; Conference Collections, $38.65; McConnellsville, $22.00; Newcomerstown, $0.36. Total, $402.24.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Akron, $24.00; Coshocton, $10.00. Total, $34.00.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—Akron, Mrs. Stinehouse, $12.50; North Bloomfield, $30.00. Total, $42.50.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Warren, $20.00 (to Savannah Home); Martin's Ferry, $5.00 (to Savannah Home); Akron, $20.00 (to Salt Lake Home); Painesville, $10.00 (to Savannah Home). Total, $55.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $533.74.

*Honorary Manager.*—Mrs. J. B. Cory.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. N. B. Stone, Mrs. C. S. Farrar, Mrs. E. E. Hawkins.

### Erie Conference.

Mrs. C. V. Culver, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Reno, $13.16; Chautauqua, $50.00; Ellington, $25.97; Franklin, $18.00; North East, $16.60; Espyville, $7.50; Meadville, $29.66; Jamestown, N. Y., $39.20; Titusville, $32.50; Clarion, $15.00; Clarion, "Cheerful Workers," $5.00; Warren, $19.00; Little Valley, $1.50; Townville, "Lucy Hayes" Band, $7.00; Brookville, $1.50; Dicksonburg, $2.00; New Castle, $13.25; New Castle, Thoburn Band, $9.28; Fredonia, Home Missionary Band, $47.00; Panama, $17.50; Rockville, $5.27; Edenburg, "Lucy Hayes" Band, $2.50; Sandy Lake, Young People's Missionary Society, $3.00; Sheffield Charge, per Mrs. Rev. A. A. Horton, $11.00; Rouseville, Mrs. John McCandless, $1.00; Jamestown, Pa., Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Chesbrough, $5.00; Sherman Charge, $5.00; Pleasantville, $1.02; McKean, $3.00; Pulaski, Mrs. H. B. Reno, $1.00; Asbury and Silver Creek ($2.00 each), $4.00;

Fagundus, Harmonsburg, Spartansburg, Westfield, Cattaraugus, West Monterey, President, Cooperstown, Salem, Erie (First Church), Cranberry, Clymer ($1.00 each), $12.00; sale of Mrs. Dunton's photograph, $0.80; Conference Collection, Rev. P. A. H. Franklin, $31.60. $461.81.

CONTINGENT FUND—Reno, $0.54; Chautauqua, $3.00; Franklin, $0.91; Meadville, $1.50; Jamestown, N. Y., $4.50; Titusville, $2.00; Warren, $1.08; Mill Village, $1.63; Rockville, $2.70; Saegertown, $2.96; Conference Collection, October 10, 1884, $15.00. $35.82.

Total, $497.63.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Reno, $1.50; Shippensville, Young Ladies' Society, $10.00; New Castle, $10.00. Total, $21.50.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—Chautauqua, Girls' Home Missionary Society, $10.00.

Total, $10.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Ellington, $20.00 (to Savannah Home); Franklin, $20.00 (to Savannah Home); Espyville, $5.00 (to Savannah Home); Meadville, $20.00 (to Savannah Home); Titusville, $25.00 ($5.00 to Savannah Home, $20.00 to Salt Lake Home); Panama, $10.00 (to Savannah Home); Fredonia, "Blanche Blair Band," $3.00 (to Savannah Home); Edenburg, "Lucy Hayes Band," $1.25 (to Savannah Home); Westfield, N. Y., $5.50 (to Savannah Home); Mill Village, Young Ladies' Society, $4.10 (to Salt Lake Home); Wattsburg, $20.00 (to Salt Lake Home); Conneautville, $10.00 (to Salt Lake Home). $143.85.

*Centennial Thank-offering.*—Reno, $2.00 (to Training-school for Missionaries). $2.00.

Total, $145.85.

Grand total, . . . . . $674.98.

*Honorary Manager.*—Mrs. C. V. Culver.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. Jane N. Dawson, Mrs. Frances E. Davis, Mrs. Lizzie N. Connelly, Mrs. Rachel Clemson.

### Florida Conference.

MRS. S. B. DARNELL, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Jacksonville, $35.11; Fernandina, $2.10; Mrs. Salmond (membership), $1.00. Total, $37.21.

*Life Member.*—Mrs. S. B. Darnell.

### Genesee Conference.

——— ———, Conference Secretary.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Buffalo, Mrs. F. A. Root, $50.00 (to Savannah Home); Tonawanda, $9.80 (to Savannah Home).

Total, $59.80.

### Illinois Conference.

MRS. C. M. CLEVELAND, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Springfield, First Church, Young Ladies' Society, $10.00. Total, $10.00.

### Iowa Conference.

MRS. E. J. WRIGHT, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Lehigh Charge, $2.00; Contributions, $4.00.

Total, $6.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Knoxville, Mrs. Fannie Scoles, $40.00 (to Little Rock Home); Muscatine, $35.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home). Total, $75.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $81.00.

### Kentucky Conference.

MRS. J. W. LIVEZEY, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Hardinsburg, $10.00. Total, $10.00.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Covington, Union Church (Mrs. Shinkle), $25.00; Mrs. Lindsey, $1.00. Total, $26.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Covington, Union Church, Mrs. J. M. Walden, $20.00 (to Salt Lake Home); Hardinsburg, $20.00 (to Salt Lake Home); $25.00 to Mission Work in Kentucky Conference. Total, $65.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $101.00.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. Bidwell Lane, Mrs. G. P. Jolly.

### Louisiana Conference.

——— ———, Secretary.

*To General Fund.*—New Orleans, First Church, $5.30. Total, $5.30.

### Little Rock Conference.

MRS. L. E. STEVENS, Secretary.

*To General Fund.*—Little Rock Conference Collections, $4.50; Mrs. Stevens ("Offerings"), $3.00; Little Rock, Farnes Bros., $10.00. Total, $17.50.

### Maine Conference.

——— ———, Secretary.

*To General Fund.*—Gardiner, $8.00. Total, $8.00.

### Michigan Conference.

MRS. W. J. ALDRICH, Secretary. MRS. E. L. KELLOGG, Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Portland, Young Ladies' Society, $26.63. Total, $26.63.

### North Ohio Conference.

MRS. G. A. HUGHES, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Wellington, $69.70; Crestline, $24.70; Roscoe, $13.75; Mansfield, $20.00; Norwalk, $33.50; "Cheerful Workers," $12.58; Millersburg, Young Ladies' Society, $12.72; Juvenile Society, $3.37; Oberlin, $5.00; Plymouth, $30.80; Juvenile Society, $4,00; Smithville, $11.25; Dalton, $7.90; Fredericktown, $37.00; Lodi, $9.90; Ashland, $32.00; Mt. Vernon, $29.85; Bellevue, $22.25; Wooster, First Church, $22.00; Granger Circuit, $2.00; Tiffin, $18.00; Membership Fees, $3.00; Cleveland, Franklin Avenue Church, "Ladies' Auxiliary," $69.13; "Lucy Hayes' Mission Band," $35.22; Hayesville, $3.79; Cardington, $18.00; Ontario, $3.50; Galion, $2.75; Mount Gilead, $1.00; Circleville, $1.50. Total, $560.16.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Plymouth, $3.00; Bellevue, $5.40; Mansfield, Milt. and Paul Mitchell, $2.10. Total, $10.50.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—Plymouth Juvenile Society, $12.00. Total, $12.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Cleveland: Franklin Avenue Church, Ladies' Society, $40.00 (to Savannah Home); "Lucy Hayes" Mission Band, $35.00 (to Holly Springs Home); Mansfield, $60.00 (to Salt Lake Home); $35.00 (to Holly Springs Home); Wellington, $35.00 (to Holly Springs Home), Mission Helpers, $10.00 (to Savannah Home); Norwalk, "Cheerful Workers," $20.00 (to Savannah Home); Norwalk, $25.00 (to Savannah Home); Wooster, $35.00 (to Savannah Home); Crestline,

$35.00 (to Holly Springs Home); Plymouth, $27.74 (to Savannah Home); Ashland, $25.00 to Holly Springs Home); Kingsville, $5.00 (to Savannah Home); Mt. Vernon, Young Ladies' Society, $35.00 (to Holly Springs Home), $10.00 (to Savannah Home), $10.00 (to Training-school); Hayesville, $10.00 (to Savannah Home). Total, $452.74.

Grand total, . . . . . $1,035.40.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. Mary A. Zimmerman, Mrs. J. S. Broadwell, Miss Mary Smith, Mrs. M. B. Mitchell, Mrs. Robert Beebe, Mrs. T. J. Leak.

## New England Conference.

Mrs. A. W. Johnson, Secretary. Mrs. L. R. Thayer, Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—New England Conference Aux., $27.00: Chelsea, $5.00; Lynn, $5.00; Malden, $65.00; Lowell, St. Paul, $17.87; Worcester, $41.77; Springfield, $35.00; Boston Highlands, $5.00; Collection at Annual Meeting, $2.07; Membership Fees, $25.07; Watertown, $7.75; Charleston, Trinity, $27.00. Total, $263.53.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Springfield, $12.00; Worcester, $10.00. Total, $22.00.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—Malden Aux., $60.00 (to Clark University); Mrs. George P. Cox and Mrs. Mary C. Waitt, $50.00 (to pupil in Claflin); Mrs. J. H. Mansfield's Sunday-school Class, $50.00 (to pupil in Clark University); Worcester, $20.00 (to Claflin University); Watertown "Golden Rule Mission Band" $20.00 (to Clark University). Total, $200.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Sudbury, A. J. Goodenough, $3.00 (to Savannah Home); Boston, Trinity Collections, Mrs. Daggett, $40.00 (to Savannah Home); Worcester, Mrs. Sarah B. Conant, $100.00 (to furnishing room in Savannah Home); Boston, $25.00, Mrs. Pierce, (to Savannah Home); Lowell, collections by Mrs. Lewis, $30.00 (to Savannah Home); Malden, $50.00 (to Savannah Home). Total, $248.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $733.53.

*Honorary Managers.*—Mrs. Sarah B. Conant, Mrs. H. C. Gratan.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. J. H. Mansfield, Mrs. G. E. Chapman, Mrs. Susan B. Holway, Mrs. J. Ladd, Miss H. B. Haven, Miss E. H. Lakeman, Miss C. A. Richardson, Mrs. R. S. Green, Mrs. S. Stone.

## New England Southern.

Mrs. James Mather, Secretary. Mrs. N. T. Whitaker, Treasurer.

*To General Fund,*—Manchester, $8.25; South Manchester, $7.70; Providence, $8.00; Newport, $10.00; Willimantic, $4.00; East Wareham, $5.00; Membership Fees, $2.00; Yarmouth Camp-meeting Aux., $37.50; West Bridgewater, $22.00; Willimantic Camp-meeting, $28.25; Martha's Vineyard, $27.34. Total, $160.04.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Providence, $10.00. Total, 10.00.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—Providence, $30.00 (to student in Claflin University); Hazardville, "Cheerful Workers," $30.00 (to student in Claflin). Total, $60.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Fall River, Mrs. J. D. Flint, $40.00 (to the Home in Camden); $25.00 (to Savannah Home); Putnam, $5.00. Total, $70.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $300.04.

*Life Members,*—Miss Eleanor Howard, Mr. J. D. Flint, Mrs. J. D. Flint.

### North Indiana Conference.

Miss Lucy E. Robinson, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Red Key Juvenile Band, $9.00; Perrysburg, $1.35; Knightstown, $1.31; Rome City, $3.00. Total, $14.66.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Elkhart, $8.00; Fort Wayne, Mrs. Yocum, $5.35. Total, $13.35.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Fort Wayne Juvenile Society, $28.78 (to Savannah Home); Richmond, Mrs. Clark, $1,00 (to Savannah Home). Total, $29,78.

Grand total, . . . . . $57.79.

### New York East.

Miss Martha Van Marter, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Forestville, Rev. J. M. Carroll, $30.00. Total, $30.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Brooklyn, $6.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home); Cold Spring, $20.00 (to Savannah Home). Total, $26.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $56.00.

### New Hampshire Conference.

——— ———, Secretary.

*To General Fund.*—Antrim, $2,00. Total, $2.00.

### North-west Iowa Conference.

Mrs. S. P. Marsh, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Cherokee, $19.50; Lehigh Charge, $2.00; Rock Rapids, $12.50; Spencer, Mrs. Shessler, $1.00; Conference Collection, $3.00; Sioux Falls, $1.00; Sargents Bluff, $8.00 (Rev. W. W. Brown); Lister, $4.00. Total, $51.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Cherokee, $4.50 (to Savannah Home). Total, $4.50.

Grand total, . . . . . $55.50.

### Newark Conference.

Mrs. J. I. Boswell, Secretary. Mrs. A. B. De Groot, Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Westfield, $25.00; Crawford, $12.50; Jersey City, West Side Avenue Church, $10.00. Total, $47.50.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—Newark, Dr. J. M. Ward, $25.00. Total, $25.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Westfield, Mrs. Hutchinson, $5.50 (to Savannah Home); Elizabeth, $10.00 (to Savannah Home). Total $15.50.

Grand total, . . . . . $88.00.

### North-west Norwegian Conference.

——— ———, Secretary.

*To General Fund.*—St. Paul, Minnesota, Rev. A. Knodson, $3.00. Total, $3.00.

### New Mexico Mission.

*To General und.*—Mora, Mrs. W. B. Rohman, $3.00. Total, $3.00.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Mora, Mrs. W. B. Rohman, $5.50. Total, $5.50.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Mora, Mrs. W. B. Rohman, Training-school, $2.50; Industrial Home, Savannah, $2.50; Industrial Home, Little Rock, $2.50. Total, $7.50.

Grand total, . . . . . $16.00.

### Ohio Conference.

Mrs. A. M. Brush, Secretary. Mrs. O. G. Peters, Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Delaware, St. Paul, $44.00; Willing Workers, $9.00; Columbus, Union, $75.35; Logan, $2.00; Lancaster, $66.00; Circleville, $1.50; Lancaster Camp-meeting, $23.00; Zanesville, Second Street Church, $32.50; Moxahala Avenue, $3.75; Malta, $18.75; Roseville, $7.00; Chillicothe, $18.20; Washington Court-house, $29.15; Marietta, $9.65; Gallipolis, $26.00; Ironton, $28.00. Total, $393.85.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Chillicothe, "A friend to Missions," $16.00. Total, $16.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Columbus, Union, $40.00 (to Salt Lake Industrial Home); $28.00 (to Savannah Home); Washington Court-house, $5.00 (to Salt Lake Home); Zanesville, Second Street Church, $7.50 (to Salt Lake Home); Gallipolis, $20.00 (to Salt Lake Home); Logan, $5.00 (to Salt Lake Home); Delaware, $20.00 (to Salt Lake Home). Total. $125.50.

Grand total, . . . . . $535.35.

*Honorary Manager.*—Mrs. A. M. Brush.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. O. G. Peters, Mrs. G. M. Peters, Mrs. T. W. Stanley, Mrs. M. N. Bliss, Mrs. A. Lindley, Mrs. Dr. Dunham, Mrs. P. Rising, Mrs. H. C. Doinkle, Mrs. S. O. Robinson, Miss Lizzie Lasley.

### Philadelphia Conference.

Mrs. C. W. Bickley, Secretary. Mrs. Harriet B. Kenney, Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Philadelphia, Grace Church, $50.30; Arch Street Mass-meeting collection, $64.61; Trinity, $32.50; Nineteenth Street Church, $30.00; Green Street, $20.00; Germantown, Haines Street Church, $70.00; May Dunton Band, $20.00; St. Stephens, $10.00; Spring Garden, $10.00; Media, Rev. T. M. Griffith, $200.00. Total, 507.41.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—Tamaqua, Mrs. T. M. Griffith, $10.00. Total, $10.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Germantown, Haines Street, Mrs. G. E. Palen, $100.00 (in memory of her son, Walter Gould Palen, to Savannah Home); Mrs. R. W. P. Goff, $100.00 (in memory of a daughter, to Savannah Home); Philadelphia, Mrs. Floy Whetstone, $5.00 (to Savannah Home); Grace Church, Mrs. Bailey, $5.70 (to Salt Lake Home). Total, $210.70.

Grand total, . . . . . $728.11.

*Honorary Managers.*—Rev. T. M. Griffith, Mrs. G. E. Palen, Mrs. R. W. P. Goff.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. M. Cogley Reynolds, Mrs. A. H. De Haven.

### Pittsburg Conference.

Mrs. H. C. Dickinson, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Johnstown, $21.00; Ligonier, $10.00; Pittstown, $1.00; Blairsville, $11.00; Allegheny, $39.00. Total, $82.00.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Beaver College and Musical Institute, $10.00. Total, $10.00.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Johnstown, $25.00 (to Orangeburg Home); $35.00 (to furnishing room in Holly Springs); Greensboro, $1.00; Pittsburg, Mrs. J. P. Hanna, $100.00 (to Holly Springs). Total, $161.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $253.00.

*Honorary Manager.*—Mrs. J. P. Hanna.

### Rock River Conference.

MRS. E. E. MARCY, Secretary. MRS. H. C. HOAG, Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Evanston, First Church (including Mrs. Marcy's donation, $32.10) $181.99; Young Ladies' Society, $182.65; North Evanston, $8.25; South Evanston, $16.00; Chicago, Union, $67.00; Paulina Street, $39.50; Michigan Avenue, $4.90; Grant Place, $26.40; Lake Bluff, $47.25; Oak Park, $1,120.69, including Mrs. Smith's donation of $800.00, and Mr. and Mrs. Blackstone's donation of $263.66; Rogers Park, $5.00; Rockford, $45.00; Desplaines, $16.00; Maplewood, $2.65; River Forest, $12.34; Batavia, $12.38; Aurora, $8.00; Manhattan, $9.00; Conference Collection, $4.90; Joliet, $15.00; Freeport, $5.50. Total, $1,830.40.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Evanston, $10.00; Chicago Union, $16.00; Carey Station, $7.00; Joliet, $5.00; Wilmington, $10.00; Star Glencoe, $2.00; Sterling, $5.00; Mrs. Peters's donation, $5.00. Total, $60.00.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—Evanston, Mrs. Farwell, $22.50; Elmhurst, Mrs. Hagans, $40.00; Chicago, Mrs. Dyer, $25.00. Total, $87.50.

Grand total, . . . . . $1,977.90.

*Honorary Patrons.*—Mr. W. E. Blackstone, Mrs. W. E. Blackstone, Mr. E. H. Gammon, Mrs. E. H. Gammon.

### South-east Indiana Conference.

MRS. J. G. CHAFEE, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Greensburg, First Church, $36.00; Lawrenceburg, $11.00; Indianapolis: Union Auxiliary, $5.25; Roberts Park, $26.42; Third Street, $16.75; Fletcher Place, $10.50; Central Avenue, $3.00; Shelbyville, $16.11; Taylorsville, $3.00; Clarksburg, $1.00; New Washington, $0.50; Conference Collection, $6.21; Utica Circuit, $5.00. Total, $140.74.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Seymour, Mrs. Blish, $5.00 (to Holly Springs). Total, $5.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $145.74.

### Savannah Conference.

MISS H. W. ROBINSON, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Atlanta, Industrial Home, $80.00. Total, $80.00.

*Beneficiary Fund.*—Atlanta, Clark University Auxiliary, $70.00 ($40.00 to Utah, $30.00 to Clark University). Total, $70.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $150.00.

### South-east Kansas Conference.

———— ————, Secretary.

*To General Fund.*—Girard, Mrs. L. P. Dorman, $5.00. Total, $5.00.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Mrs. Dorman, $2.00. Total, $2.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $7.00.

### St. Louis German Conference.

——— ———, Secretary.

*To General Fund.*—Arenzville, $5.00. Total, $5.00.

### Texas Conference.

Mrs. Isabella Howells, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Ebenezer, $53.00. Total, $53.00.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—Collections by Mrs. Howells. $5.10.

Total, $5.10.

Grand total, . . . . . $58.10.

### Troy Conference.

Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To Utah Educational Fund.*—Syracuse, $10 00; Miss Blanche Harris (by card), $5.50. Total, $15.50.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Gloversville, $305.00; Young Ladies' Society, $20.00; Crown Point, $10.00; Seward, $24.00; Stuyvesant Falls, $3.00; Plattsburg, $10.00; Mrs. J. E. C. Sawyer, $5.00; Round Lake Auxiliary, $33.00; Janesville, Mrs. N. M. Kennedy, $40.00; Ballston, Hon. Geo. West, $25.00; Bleeker, Mrs. H. Vandenburg, $10.00; Albany, Mrs. D. Alexander, $10.00; Mrs. J. H. Coleman, $1.00; South Manchester Contributions, $10.00; Burlington Contributions, $10.00; Troy, Second M. E. Church, $142.00; $658.00. (This Special Fund to be used in building an Industrial Home in Greensboro, S. C.); Stillwater, Mrs. I. H. Coon, $10.00 (to Savannah Home). Total, $668.00.

Grand Total, . . . . . $683.50.

*Honorary Patron.*—Mrs. James Kent.

*Honorary Manager.*—Mrs. A. C. Fellows.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. N. M. Kennedy, Rev. R. T. Wade, Mrs. R. T. Wade, Hon. George West, Mrs. E. W. Simpson, Mrs. James Kent, Mrs. H. Graham, Mrs. Swartz, Miss Myra Hudson, Mrs. D. B. Judson, Mrs. L. M. Dunton, Mrs. D. W. Gates, Mrs. Richard Peck, Mr. Charles S. Foote, Mr. John C. Foote, Mrs. D. B. McKenzie, Mrs. A. H. Housinger, Mrs. Maria Gainsey, Mr. C. Booth, Mrs. Emily J. Housinger.

### Upper Iowa Conference.

Mrs. Col. Springer, Secretary. Mrs. J. G. Van Ness, Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Anamosa, $23.00 (including $5.00 from Rev. Bishop Isbell); Dubuque, $33.25; Davenport, $14.40; Clarence, $3.25; Miles, $30.00; Manchester, $30.00; Fayette, $30.00; McGregor, $16.80; Mt. Vernon, $27.40; Preston, $4.00; Delmar Junction, $2.00; Strawberry Point, $1.00; Hopkinton, $7.27; New Haven Charge, Mrs. Norton, $0.50; Mrs. Dr. Brush, $1.00; Sand Springs, $11.00; Monmouth, Mrs. Wm. Done, $1.00; Cedar Falls Circuit, $4.00; Independence, $9.00. Total, $248.87.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Anamosa, $7.50 (to Greensboro Home); Dubuque, $10.00 (to Salt Lake Home). Total, $17.50.

Grand total, . . . . . $266.37.

*Honorary Patron.*—Mrs. Col. Springer.

*Life Member.*—Mrs. Dr. Brush.

### Vermont Conference.

Mrs. G. F. Arms, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Vermont Conference Auxiliary, $41.00; Montpelier, $10.00; Randolph, $2.75; Wilmington, Mrs. Forest, $1.00; Thetford, Miss

Breck, $1.00; East Dover, $7.00; "Busy Bees," $6.45; Northfield, "Juvenile Society," $10.00; St. Johnsbury, $10.00; Wilmington, "Juvenile Band," $3.65; East Poultney, $5.00. Total, $97.85.

*Utah Educational Fund.*—East Dover, $1.10. Total, $1.10.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Northfield, $10.00 (to Savannah Home). Total, $10.00.

Grand total, . . . . . $108.95.

### Wyoming Conference.

Miss Maria H. Judd, Secretary and Treasurer, *pro tem.*

*To General Fund.*—Wilkes Barre, Mrs. P. L. Bennett, $500.00, (to Missionaries in Utah); Mrs. A. J. Butler, $40.00; Bequest of Mrs. Elizabeth Buckley, $25.00, (by J. M. Buckley, executor); Binghampton, N. Y., $13.00. Total, $578.00.

*Life Members.*—Mrs. A. J. Butler, Rev. J. M. Buckley.

### West Wisconsin Conference.

———— ————, Secretary.

*To General Fund.*—Poynette, $5.00. Total, $5.00.

### West Nebraska Mission.

Mrs. Asbury Collins, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—St. Paul Aux., $11.75; Juvenile Band, $1.50. Total, $13.25.

### West German Conference.

Miss Annie Feigenbaum, Secretary and Treasurer.

*To General Fund.*—Conference Collection, $43.00. Total, $43.00.

### Utah Mission.

———— ————, Secretary and Treasurer.

*Special Fund, to be used as requested by Donors.*—Ogden City Aux., $226.75. Total, $226.75.

### Other Sources.

Slater Fund, by Dr. A. G. Haygood, $1,600.00; Mrs. Charles Goodall, $20.00, San Francisco, Cal.; Bishop Payne, $10.00; Mr. Joel Smith, $1.00; "Lakeside Offering," $124.00; Miss Mischel, $1.00. Total, $1,756.00.

*Honorary Patron.*—Dr. A. G. Haygood.

*Life Member.*—Mrs. Charles Goodall.

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# SUMMARY.

## RECEIPTS FOR GENERAL FUND.

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| Balance, . . . . . | $1,505 10 |
| Received from Cincinnati Conference, . . . . . | 1,188 75 |
| " " Central Ohio Conference, . . . . . | 437 66 |
| " " Central New York Conference, . . . . . | 264 27 |
| " " Central Illinois Conference, . . . . . | 11 00 |
| " " Central Pennsylvania Conference. . . . . | 3 75 |
| " " Detroit Conference, . . . . . | 10 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Received from Des Moines Conference, | | $39 38 |
| " " East Ohio " | | 402 24 |
| " " Erie " | | 497 63 |
| " " Florida " | | 37 21 |
| " " Illinois " | | 10 00 |
| " " Iowa " | | 6 00 |
| " " Kentucky " | | 10 00 |
| " " Louisiana " | | 5 30 |
| " " Little Rock " | | 17 50 |
| " " Maine " | | 8 00 |
| " " Michigan " | | 26 63 |
| " " North Ohio " | | 560 16 |
| " " North Indiana " | | 14 66 |
| " " New York East " | | 30 00 |
| " " New Hampshire " | | 2 00 |
| " " New England " | | 263 53 |
| " " New England Southern Conference, | | 160 04 |
| " " North-west Iowa " | | 51 00 |
| " " Newark " | | 47 50 |
| " " North-west Norwegian " | | 3 00 |
| " " New Mexico Mission " | | 3 00 |
| " " Ohio " | | 393 85 |
| " " Philadelphia " | | 507 41 |
| " " Pittsburg " | | 82 00 |
| " " Rock River " | | 1,830 40 |
| " " South-east Indiana " | | 140 74 |
| " " Southern Illinois " | | 6 50 |
| " " Savannah " | | 80 00 |
| " " St. Louis German " | | 5 00 |
| " " South-east Kansas " | | 5 00 |
| " " Texas " | | 53 00 |
| " " Upper Iowa " | | 248 87 |
| " " Vermont " | | 97 85 |
| " " Wyoming " | | 578 00 |
| " " West German " | | 43 00 |
| " " West Nebraska Mission " | | 13 25 |
| " " West Wisconsin " | | 5 00 |
| " " Interest on bequest, | | 69 90 |
| " " Interest on loan, | | 17 50 |
| " " Other sources, | | 1,756 00 |
| Total, | | $11,548 58 |

## EXPENDITURES.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Paid Miss Baldwin salary and traveling expenses, | | $404 00 |
| " Mrs. Bentley " | | 175 00 |
| " Miss Black " | | 75 00 |
| " " Betts " " " | | 326 11 |
| " " Cowgill " " " | | 402 55 |
| " Mrs. Dunton " | | 76 75 |
| " Miss Hale " | | 25 00 |
| " Mrs. Howells " | | 75 00 |
| " Miss Johnson " " " | | 30 00 |
| " Mrs. Lewis " " " | | 445 00 |
| " " Lehman " | | 13 00 |
| " Miss Lewis " | | 15 00 |
| " " Mitchell " " " | | 304 90 |
| " " McIntosh " " " | | 247 40 |
| " Mrs. Newman | | 82 00 |
| " Miss Purdum | | 69 00 |

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|---|---|---|
| Paid Mrs. Richardson salary, | | $50 00 |
| " Miss Taylor | | 25 00 |
| " " Williams | | 10 00 |
| " " Anderson salary, | | 320 00 |
| " " Gordon " | | 80 00 |
| " Mrs. Spurlock " | | 138 00 |
| " " Skewes " | | 400 00 |
| " " Saugstad " | | 281 43 |
| " To Scandinavian work, | | 275 99 |
| " " Mission work in Texas, | | 53 00 |
| " " Mission work in Montana, | | 119 00 |
| " " Clark Industrial Home, for furnishing, | | 80 00 |
| " " Claflin " " " | | 193 97 |
| " " Smith " " " | | 381 84 |
| " " Balance on Little Rock Building, | | 800 00 |
| " " Rev. W. W. Hooper, in behalf of property at Holly Springs, | | 1,000 00 |
| " " Mr. Adams, Architect and Builder, | | 1,166 66 |
| " " Printing Annual Report, | | 300 00 |
| " " Printing Leaflets, Appeals, Tracts, Blanks, etc., | | 620 01 |
| " " Expenses of organizing Conferences, | | 250 88 |
| " " Expenses of stationery, postage, telegraphing, shipping of boxes, and Reports, | | 263 93 |
| " " Expenses of Mrs. Whetstone and Mrs. Bayliss in visiting the "Industrial Homes," | | 187 70 |
| " " Clerical work, | | 61 14 |
| " " C. S. Cheever, for Mite-boxes, | | 30 00 |
| " " M. B. Hall, for engraving, | | 37 00 |
| " " Interest on Loan, | | 35 00 |
| " " Home Missions, | | 15 10 |
| " " Expenses of Annual Meeting, | | 33 50 |
| | | $9,979 86 |
| Balance to next year, | | 1,568 72 |
| | | $11,548 58 |

## RECEIPTS FOR UTAH FUND.

| | |
|---|---|
| Balance on hand, | $173 10 |
| Cincinnati Conference, | 208 75 |
| Central Ohio Conference, | 14 05 |
| Central New York Conference, | 15 00 |
| East Ohio " | 34 00 |
| Erie " | 21 50 |
| Kentucky " | 26 00 |
| North Ohio " | 10 50 |
| North Indiana " | 13 35 |
| New England " | 22 00 |
| New England Southern Conference, | 10 00 |
| New Mexico Mission " | 5 50 |
| Ohio " | 16 00 |
| Pittsburg " | 10 00 |
| Rock River " | 60 00 |
| South-east Kansas " | 2 00 |
| Troy " | 15 50 |
| Texas " | 5 10 |
| Vermont " | 1 10 |
| | $663 45 |

### EXPENDITURES.

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| To Boarding Hall, Salt Lake Seminary, | $600 00 |
| Balance on hand, | 63 45 |
| | $663 45 |

## RECEIPTS FOR BENEFICIARY FUND.

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|---|---|
| Balance, | $346 93 |
| Cincinnati Conference, | 170 70 |
| Central Ohio Conference, | 15 00 |
| East Ohio " | 42 50 |
| Erie " | 10 00 |
| Newark " | 25 00 |
| New England " | 200 00 |
| North Ohio " | 12 00 |
| Philadelphia " | 10 00 |
| Rock River " | 87 50 |
| Savannah " | 70 00 |
| | $1,049 63 |

### EXPENDITURES.

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|---|---|
| SCHOLARSHIP—To students in Clark University, | $436 00 |
| " " " Claflin " | 255 00 |
| " " " Cookman " | 20 00 |
| " " " Holly Springs University, | 100 00 |
| " " " Salt Lake " | 30 00 |
| " Treasurer, | *74 50 |
| | $915 50 |
| | 134 13 |
| | $1,049 63 |

## SPECIAL FUND,

**To be used in the Extension of the Work as requested by Donors.**

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|---|---|
| Balance, | $65 00 |
| Cincinnati Conference, | 804 25 |
| Central Ohio " | 98 30 |
| Central New York Conference, | 70 15 |
| Central Pennsylvania " | 45 00 |
| East Ohio " | 55 00 |
| Erie " | 145 85 |
| Genesee " | 59 80 |
| Iowa " | 75 00 |
| Kentucky " | 65 00 |
| North Ohio " | 452 74 |
| North Indiana " | 29 78 |
| New York East " | 26 00 |
| New England " | 248 00 |
| New England Southern " | 70 00 |
| North-west Iowa " | 4 50 |
| Newark " | 15 50 |
| New Mexico Mission " | 7 50 |
| Ohio " | 125 50 |
| Philadelphia " | 210 70 |
| Pittsburg " | 161 00 |

* Paid to Treasurer to rectify mistake made in balance of Beneficiary Fund last year.

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| South-east Indiana Conference, | $5 00 |
| Savannah Conference, | 12 00 |
| Troy " | 668 00 |
| Texas " | 5 10 |
| Upper Iowa " | 17 50 |
| Vermont " | 10 00 |
| Utah Mission, | 226 00 |
| Total, | $3,778 17 |

### EXPENDITURES.

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|---|---|
| Paid to the education of a Missionary for Southern Work, | $375 00 |
| Paid to Special Mission Work in Kentucky, | 25 00 |
| Paid to Special Mission Work in Ogden City, | 226 00 |
| Balance on hand, | 3,152 17 |
| | $3,778 17 |

## GENERAL CASH ACCOUNT.

November 1, 1884.

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| BALANCE FROM PREVIOUS YEAR— | | |
| In General Fund, | $1,505 10 | |
| In Utah Educational Fund, | 173 10 | |
| In Beneficiary Fund, | 346 93 | |
| In Special Extension Fund, | 65 00 | |
| | | $2,090 13 |
| RECEIVED DURING THIS YEAR— | | |
| General Fund, | $10,043 48 | |
| Utah Educational Fund, | 490 35 | |
| Beneficiary Fund, | 702 70 | |
| Special Extension Fund, | 3,713 17 | |
| | | 14,949 70 |
| | | $17,039 83 |
| PAID DURING THE YEAR— | | |
| General Fund, | $9,979 86 | |
| Utah Educational Fund, | 600 00 | |
| Beneficiary Fund, | 915 50 | |
| Special Extension Fund, | 626 00 | |
| | | $12,121 36 |
| BALANCE TO NEXT YEAR— | | |
| General Fund, | $1,568 72 | |
| Utah Educational Fund, | 63 45 | |
| Beneficiary Fund, | 134 13 | |
| Special Extension Fund, | 3,152 17 | |
| | | 4,918 47 |
| | | $17,039 83 |

We have made a careful examination of the receipts and disbursements of the Treasurer, and find that she has promptly disbursed all moneys coming into her hands. She has produced vouchers for all disbursements, which have been canceled by us.

MRS. F. S. HOYT, *Auditor.*
MRS. F. A. AIKEN, *Assistant.*

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Bishop I. W. Wiley,
Mrs. I. W. Wiley,
" J. L. Willard,
" Hester Williams,
Mrs. W. G. Williams,
Rev. John Williamson,
Mrs. S. Winston,
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# OFFICERS OF CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

[**Duties of District Officers.**—The duty of the District Vice-president shall be to have general supervision of the work in her District. She shall confer and co-operate with the Manager in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the presiding elder and pastors. She shall report her work to the Manager, who is Secretary of the District.

The duty of the District Manager shall be to confer and co-operate with the Vice-president in the organization of Auxiliaries, Young Ladies' Societies, and Juvenile Bands; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blank reports, receive them when filled, and forward a report December 15th, March 15th, June 15th, and September 15th to the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference Society.

It shall be the duty of the District officers, when practicable, to hold a public meeting or convention of the Auxiliaries and friends in each District once each quarter, for the purpose of awakening and sustaining the interests of the work within the Districts, and of promoting the general interests of the Society. Sections 9, 10, and 11 of By-laws for Conference Societies.]

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### District Officers.

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*Manager*—Mrs. Jos. K. Dale, Franklin, Pa.

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**District Officers.**

Burlington District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. F. H. Beck, Burlington, Iowa.
*Manager*—Mrs. E. S. Huston, Burlington, Iowa.

Keokuk District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. W. G. Wilson, Keokuk, Iowa.
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*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. J. B. Blakeney, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.
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*Manager*—Mrs. Edward Brent, Muscatine, Iowa.

Oskaloosa District.

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*Manager*—Mrs. E. J. Wright, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

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**District Officers.**

Albion District.

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*Manager*—Mrs. N. L. Brown, Jackson, Mich.

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Newark District.

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*Vice-pres.*— ——— ———.
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**District Officers.**

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Warsaw District.

Mrs. W. J. Vigus, Wabash, Ind.

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Sioux City District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. G. M. Pendell, Sloan, Ia.
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Algona District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. H. J. Grace, Dakota, Iowa.
*Manager*—Mrs. R. C. Glass, Algona, Iowa.

Sheldon District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. O. P. Miller, Rock Rapids, Iowa.
*Manager*— —— ——.

Fort Dodge District,

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. I. Garmoe, Fort Dodge, Ia.
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## North Ohio Conference.

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*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. W. F. Keller, Wooster, O.

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*Manager*—Miss Jane Henderson, Cleveland, O.

Sandusky District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. —— ——.
*Manager*—Mrs. L. L. Doud, Norwalk, O.

Mansfield District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. Hiram Harroun, Mansfield, O.
*Manager*—Mrs. M. Miller, Ashland, O.

Wooster District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. T. S. Shepherd, Wooster, Ohio.
*Manager*— —— ——.

## Ohio Conference.

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*Manager*—Mrs. T. W. Stanley, Delaware, O.

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*Vice-pres.*—Miss S. P. Brumfield, Lancaster, Ohio.
*Manager*—Mrs. S. A. Keen, Lancaster, O.

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*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. John Gugle, 24 Scioto Street, Columbus, O.
*Manager*—Mrs. A. K. Tuller, 67 Third Avenue, Columbus, O.

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*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. M. A. Gates, Zanesville, O.
*Manager*—Miss Sallie C. Corner, Malta, O.

Chillicothe District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. Lottie Johnson, Chillicothe, O.
*Manager*—Mrs. Charles Reid, Washington C. H., O.

Marietta District.

*Vice-pres.*—Miss Lizzie Basim, Marietta, O.
*Manager*—Miss L. Baker, Marietta, O.

Gallipolis District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. William Jeffers, Gallipolis, O.
*Manager*—Mrs. Dr. Sands, Gallipolis, O.

Portsmouth District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. C. B. Clark, Ironton, O.
*Manager*—Miss M. C. Peters, Ironton, O.

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**District Officers.**

**North Philadelphia District.**

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*Manager*—Mrs. J. O. Wilson, 713 Brown Street, Philadelphia, Penn.

**North-West Philadelphia District.**

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*Manager*—Mrs. Thomas May Peirce, 1616 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, Penn.

**West Philadelphia District.**

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. Theo. Stevens, Chester, Penn.
*Manager*—Mrs. W. L. Boswell, 1902 Mt. Vernon, Penn.

**South Philadelphia District.**

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. Dr. Gause, Arch Street, Philadelphia, Penn.
*Manager*—Mrs. C. W. Buoy, 813 S. Third Street, Philadelphia, Penn.

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*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. M. J. SHOYER, Alleghany City, Penn.

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**Pittsburg District.**

*Manager*—Mrs. C. W. Smith, Pittsburg (E. E.), Penn.

**Alleghany District.**

*Manager*—Mrs. W. A. Lewis, Sharpsburg, Penn.

**McKeesport District.**

*Manager*—Mrs. L. A. Bayard, McKeesport, Penn.

**Blairsville District.**

*Manager*—Mrs. Cunningham, Blairsville, Penn.

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*President*—Miss JANE M. BANCROFT, Evanston, Ill.
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*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. T. B. HILTON, Chicago, Ill.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. T. C. HOAG, Evanston, Ill.

**District Officers.**

**Chicago District.**

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. E. J. Bugbee, Evanston, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. L. Hitchcock, Chicago, Ill.
" Mrs. R. M. Hatfield, Evanston, Ill.

**Rockford District.**

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. M. S. Budlong, Rockford, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. L. Meredith, Rockford, Ill.
" Mrs. E. Woolford, Rockford, Ill.
" Mrs. Chick, Rockford, Ill.

**Freeport District.**

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. F. P. Cleveland, Freeport, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. Eliza Hemmenway, Freeport, Ill.
*Manager*—Miss Lizzie Bentley, Freeport, Ill.

**Aurora District.**

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. G. N. Johnson, Aurora, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. McCarty, Aurora, Ill.
" Miss Eliza J. Warfield, Princeton, Ill.

**Dixon District.**

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. Ayres, Dixon, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. Holmes, Rock Falls, Ill.
" Mrs. Dr. Garrison, Dixon, Ill.

**Joliet District.**

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. M. V. Fish, Joliet, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. H. W Harwood, Joliet, Ill.
" Mrs. J. H. Thomas.

## Savannah Conference.

*Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer*—Miss H. W. ROBINSON, Clark University Atlanta, Ga.

## South Carolina Conference.

*Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer*—Mrs. L. M. DUNTON, Orangeburg, S. C.

## South-east Indiana Conference.

*Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer*—Mrs. C. S. CHAFEE, Brookville, Ind.

**District Managers.**

**Indianapolis District.**

Mrs. Henry Hannaman, Indianapolis, Ind.

**Connersville District.**

Mrs. K. B. Tinsley, Connersville, Ind.

**Moore's Hill District.**

Mrs. E. L. Moore, Lawrenceburg, Ill.

**Jeffersonville District.**

Mrs. G. L. Curtiss, Seymour, Ind.

## Southern Illinois Conference.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. SALLIE LOGAN, Murphysboro, Ill.
*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. T. J. DAVIS, Kane, Ill.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. H. SEARS, Effingham, Ill.

**District Officers.**

### Alton District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. J. A. Scarrett, Alton, Ill.
*Manager.*—Mrs. J. W. Van Cleve, Gillespie, Ill.

### Lebanon District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. T. H. Herdman, Lebanon, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. F. O. Blair, Lebanon, Ill.

### Mt. Carmel District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. Mary Wilson, Mt. Carmel, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. R. M. Carter, Mt. Carmel, Ill.

### Mt. Vernon District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. R. H. Massey, Chester, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. O. H. Clark, Mt. Vernon, Ill.

### Olney District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. J. W. Locke, Fairfield, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. E. E. Edwards, Olney, Ill.

### Vandalia District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. F. B. Haller, Vandalia, Ill.
*Manager*—Mrs. M. E. Slade, Vandalia, Ill.

## Texas Conference.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. I. HOWELLS, Whitman's P. O., Washington Co., Texas.

## Troy Conference.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. E. W. SIMPSON, Troy, N. Y.

## Upper Iowa Conference.

*President*—Mrs. J. T. CRIPPEN, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.
*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. Col. SPRINGER, Anamosa, Iowa.
*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. M. W. PORTER, Davenport, Iowa.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. J. G. VAN NESS, Waterloo, Iowa.

**District Officers.**

### Davenport District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. L. N. Elliott, Vernon Prairie, Iowa.
*Manager*—Mrs. Dr. A. Wetmore, Clinton, Iowa.

### Decorah District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. G. W. Ballou, Cresco, Iowa.
*Manager*—Mrs. J. M. Ferris, Decorah, Iowa.

### Dubuque District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. Alex. Duncan, Fayette, Iowa.
*Manager*—Mrs. F. J. Norton, Strawberry Point, Iowa.

### Cedar Falls District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. Wm. Fields, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
*Manager*—Mrs. Shepherd Wilson, Cedar Falls, Iowa.

### Cedar Rapids District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. F. E. Brush, Anamosa, Iowa.
*Manager*—Mrs. J. H. Lozier, Mt. Vernon, Iowa.

### Marshalltown District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. E. L. Miller, Marshalltown, Iowa.
*Manager*—Mrs. M. Bate, Mason City, Iowa.

## Vermont Conference.

*President*—Mrs. A. L. COOPER, Springfield, Vt.
*Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer*—Mrs. G. F. Arms, East Dover, Vt.
*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. WILLIAM ROCHELEAU, Randolph, Vt.

**District Officers.**

### St. Albans District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. L. H. Cobb, St. Albans, Vt.
*Manager*—Mrs. H. A. Bushnell, Cambridge, Vt.
*Manager*—Mrs. C. Tabor, Swanton, Vt.
" Mrs. F. H. Roberts, Swanton, Vt.

### Montpelier District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. D. L. Fuller, Montpelier, Vt.
*Manager*—Mrs. J. O. Sherburn, Northfield, Vt.
*Manager*—Mrs. T. P. Frost, Montpelier, Vt.
" Mrs. A. M. Wheeler, Barre, Vt.

### St. Johnsbury District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. H. W. Worthen, Richford, Vt.
*Manager*—Mrs. P. N. Granger, St. Johnsbury Center, Vt.
*Manager*—Mrs. E. Culver, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
*Manager*—Mrs. E. Folsom, Newport, Vt.

### Springfield District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. C. H. Walter, Union Village, Vt.
*Manager*—Miss Mary Spencer, Wilmington, Vt.
*Manager*—Mrs. R. L. Bruce, Bradford, Vt.

## West German Conference.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Miss Annie Feigenbaum, St. Joseph, Mo

## West Nebraska Mission.

*President*—Mrs. GEORGE W. MARTIN, Ainsworth, Neb.
*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. ASBURY COLLINS, Loup City, Neb.
*Recording Secretary*—W. G. VESSELS, North Platte, Neb.
*Treasurer*—Mrs. T. B. LEMON, Kearney, Neb.

**District Officers.**

Republican Valley District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. J. L. Vincent, Riverton, Neb.
*Manager*—Mrs. C. E. Falmer, Bloomington, Neb.
*Manager*—Mrs. P. C. Johnson, Tecumseh, Neb.

Platte Valley District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. Leslie Stevens, Sidney, Neb.
*Managers*—Mrs. W. C. Wilson, Kearney, Neb.
" Mrs. Emma Smith, Plum Creek, Neb.

Niobrara District.

*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. Reuben Randolph, West Union, Neb.
*Vice-pres.*—Mrs. C. A. Hale, Westerville, Neb.
*Manager*—Mrs. C. E. Campbell, Keya Paha, Neb.
*Manager*—Mrs. William Esplin, Broken Bow, Neb.

## West Texas Conference.

*Corresponding Secretary*—Mrs. C. W. RICHARDSON, Austin, Tex.

## Wyoming Conference.

*President*—Mrs. J. HARTWELL, Binghamton, N. Y.
*Vice-president*—Mrs. R. W. VAN SCHOICK, Kingston, Penn.
" Mrs. J. G. ECKMAN, Pittston, Penn.
" Mrs. C. D. SHEPARD, Waverly, N. Y.
*Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer*—MISS MARIA H. JUDD, *pro tem.*, 27 Arthur St., Binghampton, N. Y.
*Recording Secretary*—Mrs. L. C. FLOYD, Carbondale, Penn.

**District Officers.**

Binghamton District.

*Manager*—Mrs. S. S. Mantz, Binghamton, N. Y.

Chenango District.

*Manager*—Mrs. E. L. Bennett, Lisle, N. Y.

Honesdale District.

*Manager*—Mrs. R. Hiorns, Peckville, Penn.

Otsego District.

*Manager*—Mrs. J. B. Sumner, Milford, N. Y.

Owego District.

*Manager*—Mrs. M. E. Bramhall, Camden, N. Y.

Wyoming District.

*Manager*—Mrs. P. L. Bennett, Wilkesbarre, Penn.

# NAMES OF MISSIONARIES AND HELPERS,

## AND FIELDS OF LABOR.

Miss JOSEPHINE GOWGILL, . . . . . New Orleans, La.
Mrs. JOAN BENTLEY, . . . . . " " "
Miss HARRIET BLACK, . . . . . " " "
Mrs. S. M. LEWIS, . . . . . Savannah, Ga.
Miss VIOLA E. BALDWIN, . . . . . " "
Miss E. J. BETTS, Matron in Industrial Home, . . . Orangeburg, S. C.
Miss F. MITCHELL, " " " " . . . Atlanta, Ga.
Miss E. H. MCINTOSH, Matron in Industrial Home, . Little Rock, Ark.
Miss E. R. ANDERSON, Teacher in Seminary, . . . . Salt Lake City, Utah.
Miss Addie GORDON, " " " . . . . " " "
Mrs. M. M. SKEWES, " " " . . . . Ogden, Utah.
Miss L. M. SAUGSTAD, Teacher in Scandinavian School, Mt. Pleasant, Utah.
Mrs. I. S. SPURLOCK, Missionary, . . . . . Salt Lake City, Utah.
Miss S. JOHNSON, Superintendent of Industrial Home, begun work in September, 1884, at, . . . . Holly Springs, Miss.
Miss S. O. PERDUM, Superintendent of Industrial Home, begun work October, 1884, at . . . Orangeburg, S. C.

Mrs. I. Howells and Mrs. C. A Richardson, Conference Secretaries of the Texas and West Texas Conferences, have devoted their time largely to missionary work in their respective Conferences, receiving from our Society only a small appropriation for the extension of the work.

Under the sanction of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Louisiana Conference, the district managers, Mrs. M. Dale and Mrs. E. Williams, have established schools in quite a number of places, which for the most part are self-sustaining. In some cases where the people are able to pay but little tuition, by request of Miss Cowgill, our Society has paid $5 per month to the teachers, who are essentially *helpers* in our work. The names of persons so assisted are:

Miss GEORGIANA HALE, teacher at, . . . . . New Orleans, La.
Miss LIZZIE TAYLOR, teacher at, . . . . . Mt. Zion, La.
Mrs. M. E. LEHMAN, teacher at, . . . . . La Harpe, La.
Mrs. F. H. WILLIAMS, teacher at . . . . . Algiers, La.

A small sum has also been paid to Miss E. LEWIS, teacher at New Orleans, La.

# CONSTITUTION

OF THE

# Woman's Home Missionary Society

OF THE

## Methodist Episcopal Church.

ADOPTED BY THE GENERAL CONFERENCE OF 1884.

### ARTICLE I.—Name.

This organization shall be known as the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

### ARTICLE II.—Objects.

The aim of this Society shall be to enlist and organize the efforts of Christian women in behalf of the needy and destitute women and children of all sections of our country without distinction of race, and to co-operate with the other societies and agencies of the Church in educational and missionary work.

### ARTICLE III.—Organization.

Section 1. The officers of the Society shall be a President, five Vice-presidents, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, and twelve Resident Managers, who, together, shall constitute the General Executive Board, and reside in, or not remote from, the city of Cincinnati.

Sec. 2. The annual meetings of the Board of Managers shall be held in the city of Cincinnati, unless otherwise provided, and shall consist of the General Executive Board, together with the Corresponding Secretary and one delegate from each Conference.

Sec. 3. The work of the Annual Session shall be:

(1.) To elect the General Executive Board for the ensuing year.

(2.) To take into consideration the demands of the entire work of the Society, designating fields of labor, examining the reports of missionaries already employed, and selecting beneficiaries; to estimate the needs of the mission fields, determine the amounts to be raised, and to devise means for carrying forward the work of the Society; to appropriate its receipts in accordance with the purposes and methods herein indicated; to arrange with the several Conference Secretaries the work to be undertaken by each Conference, and, until such time as the conference organizations are complete, to appoint a suitable person to fill the place of Corresponding Secretary of the conference work in the several Conferences.

(3.) To transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand; provided all its plans and directions shall be in harmony with this Constitution.

Sec. 4. In the event of a vacancy in the General Executive Board occurring *ad interim*, the place shall be filled by the Executive Board.

Sec. 5. The General Executive Board shall meet quarterly, or oftener, at the call of the President and Recording Secretary, and seven shall constitute a quorum to do business.

Sec. 6. The duties of the General Executive Board shall be:

(1.) To execute all orders of the Board of Managers.

(2.) To determine all matters referred to them by the Board.

(3.) To administer all the affairs of the Society between the annual sessions of the Board of Managers.

SEC. 7. The duties of the President, Vice-presidents, and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually devolve upon such officers.

SEC. 8. The duty of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to make herself acquainted with the needs and opportunities of the mission field, to correspond with missionaries and with the Conference Secretaries, and to furnish the Conference Boards with all needful information; also to secure from them the details of their work, which will be necessary to make quarterly reports to the Executive Board and annual reports to the Board of Managers concerning the condition and needs of the mission field, and publish the same for the information of the membership.

SEC. 9. The Treasurer shall keep a regular account of the receipts and disbursements of the Society, report the state of the funds at the annual meeting and at each regular meeting of the Executive Board, pay only such bills as it shall direct, each order being signed by the President and Recording Secretary, and she shall make such disposition of the funds in her hands as the Executive Board may approve. At the close of the year the accounts shall be audited by a competent person selected for the purpose.

## ARTICLE IV.—Conference Organization.

SECTION 1. A Conference Society shall consist of all the Auxiliary Societies in a given Conference, together with a Conference Executive Board. It shall take the name of the Conference in which it is located.

SEC. 2. The officers of the Conference Society shall be a President, one Vice-president, and one or more managers from each presiding elder's district, a Corresponding and a Recording Secretary, and a Treasurer (the Corresponding Secretary may also be the Treasurer). These officers shall constitute the Executive Board of the Conference Society for the administration of the affairs of the Society, and five shall constitute a quorum. These officers shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, and hold office till others are chosen.

SEC. 3. The duties of the Executive Board shall be:

To co-operate in plans for the permanent establishment of the Society within the Conference bounds; to provide for an Annual Meeting and arrange anniversary exercises; and to transact any other business that the interests of the Society may demand, provided its action is in harmony with this Constitution.

SEC. 4. (1.) The duties of the President and Recording Secretary shall be such as usually appertain to their respective offices, and to co-operate with the Corresponding Secretary, Vice-presidents, Managers, and Treasurer in organizing and conducting the work.

(2.) The duties of the Vice-presidents and Managers shall be to organize Auxiliaries in their respective districts, and by all proper means to awaken missionary interest and zeal.

(3.) The duties of the Corresponding Secretary shall be to attend the session of the Annual Conference; to endeavor to interest ministers and ladies in the work of the Society; to organize Auxiliary Societies in the various charges in the Conference, and, as soon as practicable, to effect a Conference organization in harmony with the Constitution; to conduct the correspondence of the Society with the General Executive Board, with Auxiliary Societies within the Conference, with such missionaries in the field and beneficiaries in the schools as are supported by the Conference; to forward quarterly to the Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board a full statement of the work of the Conference Society, and to present an annual report to the Board of Managers at the Annual Meeting.

(4.) The duty of the Treasurer, who may also be Corresponding Secretary, shall be to receive and forward all funds of the Society monthly, keeping a book account, and to make a quarterly report of the same to the Treasurer of the General Executive Board.

SEC. 5.—**Special Work.**—Individuals, Auxiliaries, or Conference Societies may, subject to the approval of the Conference Board and of the General Executive Board, select special fields of labor, and provide for the support of missionaries therein employed, and they may also educate beneficiaries selected by themselves.

## ARTICLE V.—Auxiliary Societies.

SECTION 1. Ten or more women who shall organize under the Constitution and By-laws for Auxiliaries, and pay their annual dues, thereby become a Society auxiliary to the Conference Society, and are entitled to one delegate to the Annual Meeting of the Conference Board. And the pastor shall report the collections of this Society at the Annual Conference.

SEC. 2. Auxiliary Societies, or local Committees, when there is no Conference Society yet established, shall report to the Conference Secretary appointed by the General Executive Board. When there is no Secretary in the Conference within the territorial bounds of which they are, they shall report to the Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary of the General Executive Board.

## ARTICLE VI.—Membership.

The payment of one dollar annually shall constitute membership, and twenty dollars life membership. Any person paying one hundred dollars shall become an Honorary Manager for life, and the contribution of three hundred dollars shall constitute the donor an Honorary Patron for life.

## ARTICLE VII.—Relations to Other Branches of Church Work.

SECTION 1. This Society will engage exclusively in missionary labor in our own land, and it will work in harmony with the connectional Societies of the Church.

*a.* The appointment, employment, and remuneration of its missionaries shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

*b.* The fields of labor and the general plans and designs of work of this Society shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

*c.* All the missionaries supported by the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall labor under the direction of the authorities of the Missionary Society, and if in a mission, shall be subject to the same rules and regulations that govern the other missionaries in that particular mission.

SEC. 2. The funds of the Woman's Home Missionary Society shall not be raised by collections, nor by subscriptions taken during any regular Church service, nor in Sunday-schools, but shall be raised by securing members, life members, honorary members, managers, and patrons, and by such other methods as in the judgment of the Board of Managers of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church will not interfere with the collections and contributions for the treasury of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and the amount so collected shall be reported by the preacher-in-charge to the Annual Conference, and then entered in a column among the benevolent collections, and in the annual and general Minutes.

SEC. 3. The Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church shall act as the Trustee of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in all matters of legacies, and in holding for them real estate or other trusts, as the Woman's Home Missionary Society may desire.

SEC. 4. The annual meeting of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Home Missionary Society, which determines its work for the year, shall be so arranged that its plans may be submitted to the authorities of the Missionary Society for approval, at their annual meeting in November.

### ARTICLE VIII.

This Constitution may be changed by the General Conference. Amendments to the Constitution may be proposed at any Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers by a two-thirds vote of the members present, a three months' notice of the proposed change having been sent to each conference organization, and published in the Church papers.

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## BY-LAWS OF THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

### I.

### ANNUAL MEETING.

1. The Chairman and the Corresponding and Recording Secretaries of the Executive Board shall fix the time and place of the Annual Meeting, unless this has been done at a previous Annual Meeting.

2. A committee of five, appointed by the Executive Board, shall prepare a programme of exercises, and an order of business for the Annual Meeting. They shall see that the time and place of meeting are announced in all the Church papers.

3. The Committee on Nomination of Officers for the Society shall consist of seven members, three of whom shall be members of the Executive Board. The officers shall be elected by ballot.

4. The Committee on Finance and Mission Fields shall consist of the President of the Society and the Chairman of the Executive Board, *ex officio*, the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer, together with the Conference Secretaries present at any Annual Meeting, and five other persons chosen by the Annual Meeting.

### II.

### THE GENERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD.

[NOTE.—Under the laws of incorporation, of the State of Ohio, a majority of the members of the body incorporated must constitute a quorum. Therefore eleven is the legal quorum of the Executive Board of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.]

1. The meetings of the Executive Board shall be held the last Saturday of each month. Special meetings may be called by the Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, due notice being given.

2. A quarterly meeting shall be held the last Saturday in January, April, and September, at such places as the Board shall designate. Written Reports shall be presented by the Corresponding Secretary, the Treasurer, the Secretary of the Bureau of Organization, and the Chairman of the Standing Committees.

3. The Recording Secretary shall notify each member of the time and place of all meetings, regular and special.

4. The Executive Board shall organize by the election of a Chairman, a Secretary of the Bureau of Organization, and the requisite Standing Committees, at its first meeting next succeeding the Annual Meeting.

5. The Executive Board shall appoint a Business Committee of seven, to consist of the Chairman, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, and four other members of the Board, with power to transact business for the Board in the intervals of the monthly meetings. This Committee shall report all its action at the regular meeting next succeeding such action.

6. Mrs. Bishop Wiley and the wife of the resident Bishop shall be honorary Vice-presidents of the Society, with the privilege of a seat and a vote in the General Executive Board.

7. Corresponding Secretaries of Conference Societies, in attendance upon any meeting of the Executive Board, shall be entitled to a seat and a vote.

8. The Order of Business and Rules of Debate shall be as follows: (1.) Singing, reading of Scriptures, prayer; (2.) Reading of Minutes of last meeting; (3.) Reports of Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary of the Bureau of Organization, Standing Committees; (4.) Reports of Special Committees; (5.) Unfinished business; (6.) Resolutions for discussion shall be presented in writing; (7.) Ladies speaking shall arise and address the chair.

9. There shall be the following Standing Committees: (1.) Business; (2.) Beneficiaries; (3.) Missionary Candidates; (4.) Mission Supplies; (5.) Training-school; (6.) Woman's Home Missions; (7.) Publication and Leaflets; (8.) Missionary Intelligence; (9.) Transportation; (10.) Stationery; (11.) States and Territories; (12.) Journalistic Secretary; (13.) Mission Fields; (14.) Furnishing Industrial Homes; (15.) Union of Societies.

## III.

### BUREAU OF ORGANIZATION.

1. There shall be a Bureau of Organization, consisting of the Corresponding Secretary, *ex-officio*, the Conference Secretaries, and the District Managers (who are the District Secretaries), and a Secretary of the Bureau, elected by the General Executive Board.

2. The duty of the Secretary of the Bureau of Organization shall be to represent the Society in the unorganized Conferences, and to co-operate with the officers of the Conference Societies for its more thorough organization throughout the Church. She shall have a seat and vote in the Executive Board, shall report monthly to the Board, and shall work under its general direction.

## IV.

### FINANCE.

(1.) The fiscal year of the WOMAN'S HOME MISSIONARY SOCIETY shall end November 1st.

(2.) **Auxiliary Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports, as specified in 4th and 5th, "*By-Laws for Auxiliaries,*" December 15th, March 15th, June 15th, and September 15th.

(3.) **Conference Societies.**—The Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer shall send their quarterly reports, as prescribed in Article IV, *Conference Organization*, January 15th, April 15th, July 15th, and October 15th.

(4.) **General Executive Board.**—The Corresponding Secretary shall furnish the reports specified in Section 8, Article III, as soon as practicable after the 15th of January, April, July, and October.

5. All moneys raised for the Society must be sent by the Auxiliaries to the Conference Treasurer, and thence forwarded to the General Treasurer. Moneys to be expended for missionary supplies for frontier or Southern work, must, in all cases, be raised as a special fund for such work.

6. Moneys shall not be collected by the employes of the Society, for any special purpose, unless such collection is authorized by the Board, and the purpose approved; and moneys so collected shall be paid into the General Treasury, and be regularly appropriated therefrom.

7. All missionaries, superintendents of Industrial Schools, and teachers, in the employ of the Society, shall present to the Board, through the Corresponding Secretary (not later than October 10th of each year), carefully prepared estimates for their work for the coming year.

## V.

### MISSION WORK.

1. The work of the Woman's Home Missionary Society in each State and Territory shall be under the care of a special committee of three, to be appointed by the Executive Board, two members of which shall be members of that Board. The Corresponding Secretary shall be *ex officio* a member of each committee.

2. It shall be the duty of each committee to gather all available information in regard to its special field, and present such information, together with any recommendations that may suggest themselves, to the Board, at such times as the Board shall indicate.

3. The erection of each building shall be under the care of a special committee, appointed by the Executive Board. This committee shall determine the site, select the plan, let the contract, and supervise the erection and accept the work, subject to the approval of the Executive Board.

4. The furnishing of Industrial Homes shall be plain, simple, and economical, and as carefully adapted to circumstances as possible. The purchases shall be made under the direction of the Board, and the property shall belong to the Society. It shall be carefully marked, and at the end of each year an inventory of property, and a statement of its condition, shall be furnished to the Board by the Superintendent of the Home.

5. Each Industrial Home shall be under the care of a Superintendent who, together with the teachers of the school, shall be elected, employed, and paid, by the Executive Board.

6. All employes of the Board shall make, directly, or through their superintendents, as they shall be instructed, monthly reports of their work, as per blank provided, sending one copy to the Corresponding Secretary, at Cincinnati, and another to the Chairman of the Special State Committee.

7. Since the conversion and spiritual growth of those for whom we labor is the end of all our work, all our instructors are required to labor diligently and methodically to that end, through family worship, school instruction, personal appeal, and social means of grace, endeavoring at all times to develop sound and strong Christian characters.

8. Pupils of all ages may be admitted to our Industrial Schools. It shall be the aim in these schools to provide (1) such social and moral training as shall tend to make good neighbors and good citizens; (2.) when necessary, the rudiments of education—reading, writing, and keeping simple accounts; (3.) such domestic instruction as shall fit girls to care for a house, and prepare plain meals properly and economically; (4.) instruction in dress-making and cutting, making and mending the plain garments of ordinary wearing apparel; (5.) instruction in planting, caring for, and making use of, the ordinary kitchen garden; (6.) Nursing—the care of the sick; (7.) Kindergarten training, when practicable.

9. It shall be our aim to provide a library for each Industrial Home, to which such pupils as can read may have daily access.

10. It shall be our aim to give special advantages to pupils who develop special talents, and thus assist them to become self-supporting.

### VI.

### MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

1. After the Committees in charge of States have made such extracts from their missionary letters and reports as they require, they shall pass such of them as contain matters of interest into the hands of a committee of three to be appointed by the Board, who shall send them, upon application, to auxiliaries or districts, for use in other meetings.

2. The Recording Secretary, with the advice of the Corresponding Secretary, shall give to the public, through the Church papers, a condensed report of such proceedings of each meeting of the Executive Board as will be of interest to our workers or to the general public.

### VII.

### MISSIONARY CANDIDATES.

1. Persons who offer themselves for employment by the Society, must furnish satisfactory testimonials to the following facts: (1.) Membership in the Methodist Episcopal Church; (2.) Christian zeal for the salvation of souls; (3.) good health; (4.) educational fitness; (5.) ability to give instruction in the common domestic industries; (6) aptness to teach. They shall give satisfactory answers to the following questions:

1. Do you feel that you are moved by the love of souls and the providence of God to take upon you the work of a Home Missionary?
2. Have you an experimental knowledge of salvation through the atonement of Jesus Christ, our Lord?
3. Do you believe in the doctrines of the Methodist Episcopal Church as set forth in Part I, Chapter I, of the Discipline?
4. Have you a thorough English education?
5. In what schools have you taught, and with what success?
6. Have you knowledge of music, either vocal or instrumental?
7. What are your domestic relations?

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### AMENDMENTS.

These By-laws may be amended by a vote of the majority of the General Executive Board, at any regular meeting, or suspended by a majority present at any meeting, notice of the proposed change having been offered at the preceding meeting.

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## BY-LAWS FOR CONFERENCE SOCIETIES.

1.—The President and Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Societies shall call meetings of the Executive Board when the exigencies of the work demand it, and shall also determine the date and place of the

Annual Meeting, and arrange for Anniversary exercises, unless these items have been provided for by previous action at the Annual Meeting.

2.—The programme for the Annual Meeting of the Conference Society shall include reports from the Recording and the Corresponding Secretaries, and the Treasurer, the election of officers, and of a delegate and alternate to the Annual Meeting of the Board of Managers.

3.—Order of Business: (1.) Devotional Exercises; (2.) Introduction of Delegates; (3.) Appointment of Committees; (4.) Reading of Minutes of last Meeting; (5.) Report of Treasurer; (6.) Report of Corresponding Secretary; (7.) Report of District Officers; (8.) Reports of Committees; (9.) Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business; (10.) Election of Officers.

4.—Each District Manager shall present a list of the full names of her delegation to the Recording Secretary.

5.—The Standing Committees shall be appointed as follows: (1.) Annual Meeting; (2.) Nomination of Officers; (3.) By-laws; (4.) Woman's Home Missions.

6.—The Committee on Annual Meeting shall consist of the President, the Corresponding Secretary, and the Manager of the District in which the meeting is to be held.

7.—The Committee on Nominations shall consist of the Managers of the several Districts. Vacancies in this Committee may be filled by vote of the Annual Meeting. When delegates from five auxiliaries or more in a District are present they may constitute a committee to nominate a Vice-president and a Manager for that District. Vacancies in the District offices may be filled, *ad interim*, by the Corresponding Secretary of the Conference Society.

8.—Every District containing more than ten auxiliaries shall be entitled to elect one delegate; more than twenty, two; and greater numbers in the same ratio. These delegates shall be elected at a District meeting held prior to the Annual Meeting.

9.—The duty of the District Vice-president shall be to have general supervision of the work in her District. She shall confer and co-operate with the Manager in organizing and visiting the work; preside at the District meetings, and endeavor to secure the favor and aid of the presiding elder and pastors. She shall report her work to the Manager, who is Secretary of the District.

10.—The duty of the District Manager shall be to confer and co-operate with the Vice-president in the organization of Auxiliaries, Young Ladies' Societies, and Juvenile Bands; to correspond with and visit them, to arrange for public meetings, to send out blank reports, receive them when filled, and forward a report December 15th, March 15th, June 15th, and September 15th to the Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference Society.

11.—It shall be the duty of the District officers, when practicable, to hold a public meeting or convention of the auxiliaries and friends in each District once each quarter, for the purpose of awakening and sustaining the interests of the work within the Districts, and of promoting the general interests of the Society.

12.—While the object of the Woman's Home Missionary Society is to promote the cause of Christ in this country, and while it hopes to enlist every member in Christian effort, and thus to strengthen the Church in our own land, its work is purely missionary. Hence membership dues and other moneys donated for missionary purposes can not be used for local needs.

13.—Auxiliaries will have credit in the general reports only for moneys sent to the general treasury, to be used in the appropriations of the Board of Managers, or by direction of the Executive Board in mission sections of this country.

14.—It is earnestly recommended that a contingent fund be provided

for by all the Auxiliaries to meet the necessary expenses incurred in carrying forward the work and organization of the Society.

15.—These By-laws may be changed at any meeting of the Conference Society by a two-thirds vote, provided there be present a quorum of the Executive Board and delegates from five Auxiliaries or more, and provided the changes are in harmony with the Constitution of the Woman's Home Missionary Society.

## CONSTITUTION FOR AUXILIARIES.

ARTICLE I. This Association shall be called the Woman's Home Missionary Society of ———, Auxiliary to the ——— Conference Society of the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

ART. 2. The object of this Society shall be to aid in interesting Christian women in the elevation and evangelization of needy and destitute women and children in our own land, and in raising funds for this work.

ART. 3. Any person paying a regular subscription of two cents per week, or one dollar per year, may become a member of this Society, and any person contributing five dollars per quarter for one year, or twenty dollars at one time shall be constituted a life-member.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall be a President, three or more Vice-presidents, a Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, who together shall constitute an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Society.

ART. 5. Meetings of the Society for business and communication of intelligence shall be held ——— of each month. The Anniversary Meeting shall be on the ——— day of ———, when the Annual Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer shall be read, and the officers for the ensuing year elected.

ART. 6. This Constitution and the accompanying By-laws may be changed or amended at any regular meeting of the Society, by a two-thirds vote of the members present—notice of such intention having been given at a previous meeting.

## BY-LAWS FOR AUXILIARIES.

1.—It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Society, and to supervise its general interests.

2.—It shall be the duty of the Vice-president to perform the duty of the President in the absence of that officer, and to aid in devising means for the efficiency of the Society.

3.—It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep a record of the proceedings of the Society, and provide the pastor with notices of meetings.

4.—It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to conduct the correspondence of the Society, to send reports quarterly to the Conference Secretary, and, in the absence of such an officer, to the Corresponding Secretary of the Executive Board in Cincinnati, of the condition and work of the Society.

5.—It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to collect the dues of members, hold in trust the funds of the Society, keeping a book account, and to send the same quarterly to the Conference Treasurer, and in the absence of such an officer, to the Treasurer of the Executive Board in Cincinnati.

6.—Order of Exercises for Monthly Meeting:

(1.) Devotional Exercises.
(2.) Reading and approval of Minutes.
(3.) Reports from members of work done.
(4.) Report of Treasurer, in writing.
(5.) Report of Corresponding Secretary.
(6.) Unfinished business.
(7.) Miscellaneous business.
(8.) Adjournment.

7.—Once each quarter, if practicable, a public meeting shall be held, in which reports shall be read, addresses given, and every effort made to increase the general missionary intelligence and zeal in the special work of this Society.

8.—There shall be a Standing Committee of three, to provide literary exercises of a missionary character for the monthly and quarterly meetings.

9.—Each lady connected with this Society shall try to induce others to become members, and shall do what she can to add to the general interest; remembering in prayer each day the Society, its workers, schools, orphans, and missionaries.

## CONSTITUTION FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

### Article I.

This Society shall be called the ——— Mission Band of ——— Methodist Episcopal Church.

### Article II.

The object of this Society is to interest the children and youth of the Church in missionary work in our own land, and to secure their help in carrying it forward.

### Article III.

This Society, by virtue of its voluntary obligations to render material help in various departments of the work, shall be recognized as a lawful adjunct to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and shall make reports thereto.

### Article IV.

The officers of this Society shall be an adult lady Director, whose duty shall be to take charge of and direct the Society, a President, four or more Vice-presidents, a Recording and a Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer, whose duties shall be those usual to such officers.

### Article V.

Section 1. Any child or young person, with consent of parents or guardian, may become a member of this Society, by paying yearly twenty-five cents as membership fee.

Sec. 2. This Society may hold fairs, give concerts, or other entertainments, carry on industrial schools, or use any methods for securing funds that are in harmony with Christian usages and the rules of our Church.

Sec. 3. This Society may choose either to support a beneficiary, furnish Sunday-school supplies, or to assist in any department it may desire; but the location of the work chosen must be decided by the Executive Board of the Conference Society or of the General Society.

Sec. 4. This Society can only have connection with the Woman's Home Missionary Society by contributing directly to its work in the field, and

may only have credit in the reports of the General Society for money paid into the General Treasury.

SEC. 5. The Annual Meeting of this Society for the election of officers shall be held on ———.

SEC. 6. This Constitution can only be altered or amended by the Executive Board of the General Society which framed it. Petitions for change may be made in writing, stating reasons for such request, and bearing the signature of all the officers of the Society.

## BY-LAWS FOR JUVENILE SOCIETIES.

1. The meetings of this Society shall be held on ——— of every ———.

2. A Committee on Music, consisting of three or five members (at least one adult), shall be appointed for one month or more, whose duty it shall be to provide suitable music for the meetings.

3. The Society shall be divided into bands of ten (more or less, as seems advisable), according to ages, each of which shall be supervised by one of the Vice-presidents, who shall sit with them at the meetings, keep a record of names, ages, conduct, money paid, and report the same at each meeting.

4. The Vice-presidents shall each in turn be responsible for the entertainment of the meeting, by securing speeches, dialogues, quartettes, etc., from their bands, and by obtaining the aid of adults as needed. And, together with the Director and the Committee on Music, they shall prepare a programme before each meeting for the use of the President.

5. ORDER OF EXERCISE FOR REGULAR MEETING:

(1.) Devotional Exercises.
(2.) Reading and approval of Minutes.
(3.) Report of Treasurer.
(4.) Report of Corresponding Secretary.
(5.) Report of Bands.
(6.) Unfinished and Miscellaneous Business.
(7.) Programme.
(8.) Adjournment.

## FORM OF BEQUEST AND DEVISE.

***BEQUEST***—(*Personal Estate*)—*I give and bequeath to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the sum of*.....,
*and the receipt of the Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge to my executors for the same.*

***DEVISE***—(*Real Estate*)—*I give and devise to the Woman's Home Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, a corporation under the laws of the State of Ohio, the following lands and premises, that is to say:*.....
....., *to have and to hold or dispose of the same with the appurtenances to the said Society, its successors, and assigns forever.*

NOTE.—Notice should be given promptly to the Corresponding Secretary of the Society of all Bequests and Devises.

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